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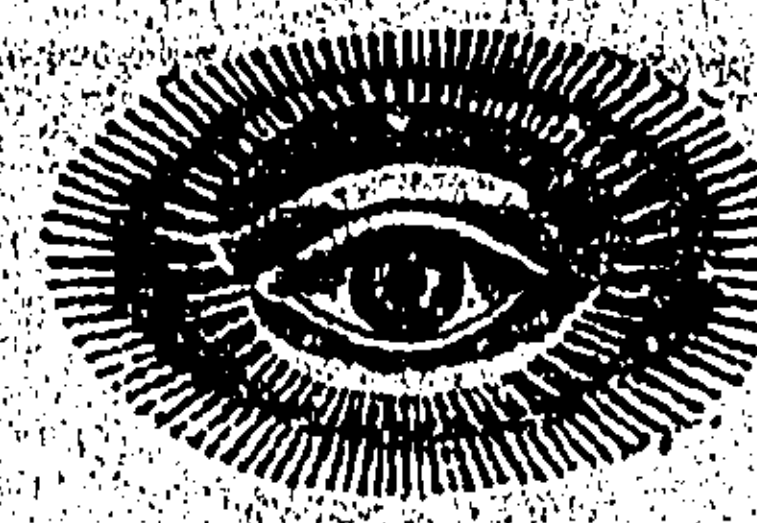
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A RESPITE.

Sacco And Vanzetti Not To Die To-day.

LAST MINUTE EFFORT.

Plea To Full Bench of the Supreme Court.

SACCO, STILL HUNGER-STRIKING, STARES DULLY AT CEILING.

Sacco and Vanzetti, the Italians who were due to go to the electric chair to-day for a murder committed over six years ago, have again had their sentences postponed. Counsel for the defence asked the State Judge to permit a bill of exception from his refusal to grant writs of error and Habeas Corpus to be submitted to the full bench of the Supreme Court. The Judge gave a favourable decision to-day.

Meanwhile disturbances have been occurring in various parts of the world and protests against the executions are being received by the U.S. judicial authorities from many centres.

"THEY CRUCIFIED ME!"

London, this afternoon. Sacco and Vanzetti have been granted a respite until August 22.—Reuter.

Counsel's Pessimism. Beverly (Massachusetts). The counsel for the defence, after an hour's conference with Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes of the United States Supreme Court at the latter's house, told the journalists who awaited him on the lawn that no human power at the present time could stop Sacco and Vanzetti going to the electric chair at midnight. Counsel then returned to the State House.—Reuter.

Possible Postponement. Boston, Yesterday. The possibility of a postponement of the Sacco-Vanzetti executions is indicated by the announcement of Judge Sanderson, of the State Supreme Court, that he will give his decision to-morrow on the motion by the defence counsel asking him to permit a bill of exception from his refusal to grant writs of error and Habeas Corpus to be submitted to the full bench of the Supreme Court.—Reuter's American Service.

Guards in London.

London, Yesterday. In connection with the Sacco and Vanzetti execution, and merely as a precautionary measure, the British police authorities have posted guards on the United States Embassy and Consulate in London.—British Wireless Service.

After a communist meeting in Hyde Park as a protest against the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti thousands of processionists marched to the American Embassy in Grosvenor Gardens but found the way barred by foot and mounted police. The latter repeatedly charged and dispersed them, many fleeing before the horses.—Reuter.

N. Y. Demonstrations.

New York, Yesterday. The police state that yesterday's demonstrations in New York passed off more peaceable than was expected. The most serious trouble occurred at a meeting of 5,000 persons in Union Square which was broken up by the police after a half-hour running fight.—Boston.

It is estimated that \$100,000, 000 explosion, strike and riot insurance was underwritten yesterday covering property in Boston in connection with Sacco-Vanzetti riot.

Worcester (Mass.), Yesterday. To the astonishment of the armed policemen guarding his house, Judge Thayer, who originally tried the men and has now refused to revoke the sentence, calmly left his home last night and went for a stroll with a pet bulldog. The police had all day followed Thayer wherever he went and when earlier in the evening he motored out with his wife, he was escorted by police motorcyclists.

Refuses To Sign.

Boston, Yesterday. Sacco refused to sign a petition for a writ of Habeas Corpus which was submitted to him in prison to-day by the attorney of the Sacco-Vanzetti committee.—Reuter's American Service.

Stockholm, Yesterday. The Swedish Sacco-Vanzetti defence committee has urgently appealed to all organized workers in Sweden immediately to strike

at least for a day if the Italians are executed and also to boycott all American firms, ships and goods for a week. The committee has telegraphed urging similar committees in Paris, Oslo and Berlin to do the same.—Reuter.

Both Ill at Ease. Boston, Yesterday. The three weeks' hunger-strike is plainly telling on Sacco, who stares dully at the ceiling of his narrow cell. Warders think that premature death as a result of starvation is his only hope of "cheating the chair."

Vanzetti, whose fast has not been so rigid, faces his cell door feverishly. His only interest recently has been correspondence, and he especially welcomes letters from Italy. Like Sacco, he has abandoned hope. "I die for anarchy," has been the burden of his missives to his friends and relations.—Reuter's American Service.

The Hague, Yesterday. Threatening letters in connection with the case have been received by the American Minister and the police. The latter are guarding the American legation and the Minister's residence.—Reuter.

Like a Fortress.

Boston, Yesterday. Great searchlights and a battery of machine guns have been mounted outside the prison walls. In the event of sympathisers in the "death watches" assuming to form an attempt to rescue the men, a triple line of guards and patrols will man the wall at the Penitentiary. Other officers guard the adjacent streets and approaches to a bridge. The whole region is packed with guards and policemen.

"They Crucified Me!" Boston, Yesterday. "They crucified me for seven years! I will have no more to do with them!" angrily exclaimed Sacco when he refused to sign the petition for a writ of Habeas Corpus. Vanzetti, to the contrary, seemed pleased, and signed readily.

Yesterday's Events.

New York. The twenty-four hour general strike, as a Sacco-Vanzetti protest was not as popular as the leaders predicted.

The Labourites and police respectively estimate the participants at 400,000 and 145,000. The mass meeting arranged to be held at Union Square proved a very quiet affair, due to rain and the presence of 1,000 uniformed police.

Similar precautions were taken at thirty radical halls, where the proceedings passed off without a break out of undue enthusiasm.

Chicago. A tramp heard a ticking sound in a dilapidated building adjoining a branch Post Office, and informed the police, who discovered a dynamite time bomb.

Led by a pretty babbed school girl of 16, a crowd of 4,000 Sacco-Vanzetti sympathisers, alternately roaring "Third International" and "mon the police," marched towards the Loop district and dispersed after a clash with the police, who resorted to tear gas bombs and revolvers. 67 men and women, including the leader, were arrested. Motor cars were smashed and windows broken.

COME TO BRAZIL!

Government Invites Foreigners.

"ARLANZA'S" TRIP.

40 British M.P.'s in Big Mixed Party.

London, Yesterday. Twenty-two members of the British Parliament will sail from Southampton on Friday in the Royal Mail liner "Arlanza" on a visit to Brazil at the invitation of the Brazilian Government. Ireland and India are also sending representatives.

Forty delegates from other countries will join the "Arlanza" at Cherbourg and will represent Belgium, Japan, Norway, Denmark, Portugal, Switzerland, Finland, Afghanistan and Turkey.—British Wireless Service.

A DEADLOCK.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO. STRIKE.

CONFERENCE DROPPED?

There are no further developments regarding the Chinese Navigation Company strike of officers and engineers.

The fact that news was received in Hong Kong as to a definite rupture and the breaking off of negotiations, before the time fixed for holding the next Conference, indicates that the officers' representatives must have communicated with the Company to the effect that unless the Company dropped the proposals for penalising certain officers who refused to move their ships to different moorings at the outbreak of the strike, they were of opinion that further negotiations were useless.

No move has yet been made by the Company, so far as can be gathered, for ending the present deadlock.

FAIR TO SHOWERY.

"South winds, moderate; fair to showery" is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow. Pressure remains highest in the extreme east and the extreme south. The typhoon is now central over the sea of Japan.

Stockholm.

The Government refused a request by a delegation to intervene with the United States Government to postpone the sentences.

Boston.

A new respite is indicated by Governor Fuller's announcement that he is considering a defence plea for a stay of the execution. The Executive Council will sit on the 10th instead of the 11th inst., as it must advise on the respite if the Governor consents.

Fifty pickets, for parading in front of the State House in protest against the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti, were arrested.

London.

Both approaches to the American Embassy in London are held by armed and uniformed police. The only occupant of the Embassy is an English caretaker, all the officials being on furlough.

Joplin (Missouri).

Six persons were injured, two houses demolished and scores of other unroofed by an explosion of dynamite at Minningtown Pitcher, Oklahoma.

The crime is attributed to sympathisers of Sacco-Vanzetti.

Buenos Aires.

Two bombs exploded, one at the Palace of Justice, the other at the Railway Station of Valera. There were no casualties.

Asuncion.

Traffic in the streets of the port was paralysed and a Sacco-Vanzetti protest strike organised. Newspapers were not published.

Santo Domingo (Haiti).

Armed forces are protecting the American Legation at Montevideo. An unexploded bomb was found in the centre of the city. The day's general strike was orderly. The trains are running but are strongly guarded by regulars. Newspapers are not being published.—Reuter.

"TAIMING" AFFAIR.

Full Story of River Incidents.

"MOTH'S" TIMELY AID.

How Truculent Officials Were Thwarted.

With the arrival in port of the s.s. "Taiming," further particulars are to hand of the detention of that vessel by the Chinese authorities at Dosing (West River), the firing on it from shore by soldiers, the taking prisoner of a Chinese cook and his eventual rescue by the Captain and Chief Engineer of the "Taiming" and 1st Lieut. of H.M.S. "Moth" whilst the gunboat stood by cleared for action.

The origin of the trouble was a dispute, early on the morning of the 3rd inst., between the crew and two spies from the Opium Searching Bureau at Dosing who arrived on board in the passenger boat shortly after the "Taiming" had arrived at Takhing (a two and a half hours' journey from Hong Kong to Wuchow). It appears that, unknown to the Captain and officers, the crew had on board a certain amount of smuggled salt which, under cover of night, they were engaged in putting over the side into sampans.

A "Free Fight."

The spies immediately interfered and the crew, apparently for spite, threw overboard the salt that remained. In consequence of the attempt of the spies to prevent this action of the crew, a free fight ensued in the course of which one of the spies received a blow which left marks on his body.

These incidents were unknown to the Captain and officers of the "Taiming" on arrival at Dosing later in the morning. The usual opium searchers came on board and left at 9.15 a.m. and shortly afterwards, as the Captain and officers and a young lady passenger were having breakfast on deck, the policeman's whistle was blown from the gangway, this being the usual "all clear" signal for the ship to proceed.

Ship Fired On.

The pilot on duty gave the order to heave up the anchor, and as this was being done, those who were at breakfast suddenly saw a party of Chinese soldiers run down the river bank firing on the ship as they ran. No one on board was hit. The "Taiming" at the time was only about 300 yards off the bank.

The Captain ran to the bridge to stop the heaving-up operations but the crew meantime had disappeared down the forepeak. Eventually, the windlass was stopped and the anchor dropped again. It was then found that the No. 1 opium searcher had only gone ashore to make a report concerning the information given by the two spies on board. How the "all clear" signal came to be blown remains a mystery and the crew remain reticent on this point.

Shortly afterwards, the vessel being anchored and the firing stopped, four Chinese officials and a guard of ten soldiers came on board and a conference was held at which the No. 1 Indian guard of the "Taiming" acted as interpreter. It appears that, unless "squeeze" was forthcoming, the officials threatened to detain the ship and arrest the No. 1 commander on account of the incidents at Takhing, which were then heard of for the first time by the Captain.

Cook "Trussed Up."

When the party arrived on deck after a fruitless "confab," an attempt was made to seize the No. 1 commander, but the Captain succeeded in getting him to his cabin and locking him in. Whilst the conference had been going on below it appears that one of the commanders' staff who is known as passenger's cook and as such is on the ship's articles, called a gang of pirates, whereupon they seized him and "trussed him up" (as an eye-witness terms it). He was taken ashore with the anchor when they were about to depart.

GLORIOUS TWELFTH.

Grouse Shooting Starts At Home.

THE KING IN YORKSHIRE.

150 Special Trains Leave London For North.

London, Yesterday. To-morrow the King, following his usual custom, will go to Bolton Abbey, Yorkshire, as the guest of the Duke of Devonshire for the grouse shooting which opens on Friday. Later, His Majesty will shoot in Scotland.

The exodus for the "twelfth" is quite up to the average and about 150 special trains are leaving London for the north.—British Wireless Service.

OFFICIAL RECEPTION.

GERMAN CONSUL ENTERTAINS GUESTS.

"THE KING" & "PRESIDENT."

To-day being the anniversary of the constitution of Weimar, the Consul for Germany, Dr. W. Wagner, held an official reception at his residence, 115, the Peak, this morning, there being present H.E. the Governor, Unofficial and Official members of the Legislative Council, consular representatives and many German residents.

The German Consul proposed the toast of "His Majesty the King" and H.E. the Governor proposed the toast of "The President of the Reich."

Among those present, in addition to the Governor, were H.E. Major-General C. G. Lundr, Commodore J. L. Pearson, Col. Comyn, Col. Russell Brown, the Hon. W. T. Southorn, the Hon. Mr. Mc. Messer, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Shou-son Chow, Sir Joseph Kemp, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Lt.-Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., Mr. D. W. Tratman, Capt. E. R. Foster, Major J. Macready, Lieut. R. Q. Johnston, the Rev. H. C. Copley Moyle, and the following consular representatives: Messrs. H. Shantz and L. W. Franklin (U.S.A.), M. G. D. du la Prade (Frerch), G. Bolsius (Belgium), A. Methofer (Netherlands), Y. Muralami (Japan), A. L. C. de Albuquerque a Castro (Portugal), J. T. Bragman (Siam), A. L. Alves (Brazil) and F. Rouillon (Peru).

THE LADY DRIVER.

FINED FOR NOT HAVING A LICENCE.

Mrs. Fok Yee-han of Canton, was this morning summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy for driving motor car No. 1000 in Hill Road, West Point, at 4 o'clock this morning without a driver's licence.

The owner of the car, Mr. Yip Ping-kuen, and his chauffeur were summoned for allowing the lady to drive the car without a licence.

Mr. Lindsell discharged the chauffeur because the presence of Mr. Yip at the time removed the responsibility from the driver, who was not in a position to decide who should and who should not drive his master's car.

Mrs. Fok admitted driving the car without a licence, while Mr. Yip pleaded "guilty" to allowing her to drive his car. He admitted that he knew the lady did not have a local driver's licence, but she had held one in Canton.

Mrs. Fok, who had arrived from Canton the previous night, told the Magistrate that she held a driver's licence in that City for two months.

Asked by the Magistrate where her Canton licence was, Mrs. Fok said that she did not bring it down with her.

Mr. Lindsell imposed a fine of \$10 on each defendant.

MORE FIGHTING.

Chiang Kai-shek Wounded at Hsuehchowfu.

GALEN LEAVES HANKOW.

Foreign Consuls at Shanghai And Surtaxes.

JAPANESE MINISTER ENTERTAINED BY CHIANG AT NANKING.

The "China Mail" understands that fighting has broken out at Pang Pau, where the Shantung army is attacking.

General Chang Tsung-chang has left Tshan and is on his way to Hsuehchowfu, near which place he is expected to take the field. Other interesting moves are reported from the Hankow sector. Galen, the Russian "adviser," is said to be on his way to Changchow and is expected to follow Borodin to Urga, and Mr. Eugene Chen, after being reported as arriving in Shanghai, has gone to Kuling again.

Japanese and British consular authorities at Shanghai are said to be following the lead of France in refusing to pay the Customs dues levied by the Nanking faction. At the same time Mr. Yoshizawa, the Japanese Minister, is being entertained by Gen. Chiang Kai-shek.

THE NANKING LEVIES.

Shanghai, To-day.

A message from Chinkiang states that Chiang Kai-shek was wounded in the recent fighting at Hsuehchowfu.

The British Consulate at Chinkiang is being evacuated by troops.—Reuter.

Communists Shot.

A wireless message from Kiang says that 26 Communists, including labour leaders, were executed on August 9.

Galen Goes.

Shanghai, To-day.

A message from Hankow yesterday says that General Galen left by rail on Tuesday for Cheng-

Shooting Affray in Vancouver.

Vancouver, Yesterday.

Three prominent local Chinese Nationalists were killed in a shooting affray at a Chinese newspaper office here. The affair is believed to have political significance.—Reuter.

Wuhan Instructions.

The Wuhan Government has issued an instruction to all the Army Commanders to the following effect:—

"That the diplomatic negotiation is the only policy to be taken up to fight against foreigners for the nullification of unequal treaties and the extermination of Imperialism, and the nation are not to come out in any oppositionary act to respective foreigners who are resident in China."

"Each Army should see to the strict adherence to discipline and a perfect protection over churches, schools, hospitals, business firms, factories, etc., which are under foreign supervision, and not to unreasonably fire against foreign merchantmen on the River, but to avoid to give any opportunity to Imperialists' activity in China."

More Peking Police.

Two thousand picked men organised in 16 patrol corps are to be added to the Peking police force to "watch for bad characters" and assist in maintaining order.—"United Press."

Nanking Proposals.

The proclamation of the Nationalist Government, dated the 20th inst. declares that: (1) liden of all descriptions; (2) all native customs duties whether within or without the fifty li radius of the open ports, or in the interior; (3) all principal and miscellaneous levies on goods in transit; (4) transit dues in lieu of liden; (5) coast trade duty; (6) duty on goods from one Chinese port to another; (7) destination tax (10-li-shui) though not strictly a transit duty—all the foregoing will be totally abolished. Severe penalties are provided for any contravention of the law by collecting any of the taxes after their abolition.

Customs Tariff.

Simultaneously with the abolition of liden and other taxes, and to make up for the loss of revenue which will follow as a consequence, the Nationalist Government, asserting China's right to tariff autonomy, will introduce a provisional customs import tariff whereunder, besides the existing five per cent duty, there will be collected an additional seven and a half per cent duty on ordinary goods for luxuries, an additional duty of 15 or 25 per cent according to classification. In the case of alcoholic liquors and tobacco products, the additional duty will be 37½ per cent.

Excess Duty.

To place the burden of taxation on an equitable basis the Government will also put into operation a Law on Excess Duty, whereby articles manufactured within the country will be made to bear an excess duty corresponding to the excess import duty on similar goods.—Reuter.

chow with a number of motor trucks, and motor cars in a loaded train. It is understood that Gen. Galen intends to follow the footsteps of Borodin to Urga.

Mr. Eugene Chen has gone to Kuling.—Reuter.

Japanese Minister at Nanking.

Nanking, Yesterday.

At an official luncheon to Mr. Yoshizawa, Wu Chao-chu toasted him as the "first foreign envoy to visit the Nanking Nationalist Government," and expressed the hope that the Japanese Minister would take up permanent residence in Nanking.

Mr. Yoshizawa, while appreciating the sentiments, remarked that the fulfilment of Wu Chao-chu's hope would necessarily depend upon future developments.—Reuter.

Refusal To Pay Tonnage Surtax.

Shanghai, To-day.

Japanese shipping companies have decided to refuse payment of the tonnage surtax and to petition the Japanese Consul-General to adopt similar action to the French Consul-General who last week accepted the deposit for tonnage dues from a Messageries Maritimes steamer according to treaty and granted Consular clearance papers after the Chinese Customs refused to accept the dues on a treaty basis unless the surtax was also paid and refused to give the steamer Customs clearance.

It is understood that British shipping companies are likely to adopt a similar procedure. Mr. Yoshizawa, in a letter to the Japanese Consul-General, has urged that the new Customs tariff be put into effect on August 11.—Reuter.

<i>Across.</i>	<i>Down.</i>
2. Ghost.	1. Upon.
8. A parasitic worm that infests the gills of the bream.	2. Turnips (reversed).
9. EASER (Actual).	8. Judicial proceedings.
10. Alternative.	4. Kilns for drying malt or hops.
12. ECTNI (Actual).	6. A feld ulcer in the nostril.
14. From; or-out of.	6. Species of gazelle found in Africa.
15. A month of the Jewish year.	7. Word of denial.
16. Fleahy.	11. Whispering.
20. Active in a high degree.	12. Confident.
24. Alone.	16. Prophecies.
25. Injection.	17. A swelling on the skin.
26. A projection.	18. To raise.
27. Extravagant.	19. A sucker (jumbled).
28. Having a tendency to prevent the development of anything, especially of a disease (curtailed).	20. Pertaining to or like pus.
30. A copy.	21. The aromatic principle.
31. Hades.	22. REERG (Actual).
32. Dagger.	23. Drives to a live.
33. A dorp.	29. An infectious and fatal disease among cattle.
37. Exist.	33. THURE (Actual).
38. A nymph of paradise.	34. Relating to hours.
39. Part of the verb, to be.	35. A carnivorous digitigrade animal resembling the leopard.
40. Pertaining to an arm.	36. A guide.
42. Fruitful.	41. Part of the verb, to be.
44. Mingled.	42. Towards.

Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution for the NEAREST correct solution. Answers given all you have to do is give the correct word puzzle in full, word in italics you have seen it may not be the nearest correct solution.

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MALWA	10,986	15th Oct.	Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	8,985	29th Oct.	Marseilles & London
*MACEDONIA	11,120	12th Nov.	Marseilles & London
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ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Sept.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
NYANZA	7,023	15th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,986	18th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHMIR	8,985	30th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	4th Oct.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
*MACEDONIA	11,120	15th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	16,504	29th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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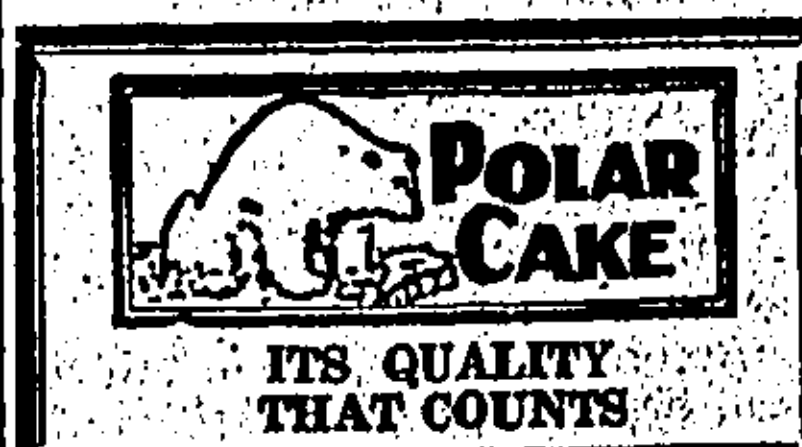
DAMAGED PACKAGES will be examined by the Company's Surveyor, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on TUESDAY, the 9th August, 1927.

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J. LIMAGE,

Agent.

Hong Kong, 3rd August, 1927.



REPORT FROM BOARD OF CONSERVANCY WORKS OF KWANGTUNG

Waterlevels in English Feet.

Place of Observation	Highest W.L. on record	Lowest W.L. on record	W.L. 8/8	W.L. 9/8
West River at Shuangling	+41' 0"	0	+28' 2"	rising
North River at Tsingyue	+28' 7"	0	+9' 0"	+10' 8"
North River at Samshui	+27' 8"	0	+18' 5"	falling
East River at Shuangling	+15' 4"	0	+7' 5"	+8' 1"

* For the 7th.
† For the 6th.

SHIPPING BOARD.

RESULT OF CUTTING EXPENSES.

Marked improvement in the operating results of Shipping Board lines is indicated in figures made public by the Merchant Fleet Corporation.

For the first nine months of the present fiscal year the Shipping Board's operating expense cost was \$13,033,000, about \$2,806,600, compared with \$2,970,000 for the same period in 1926 and \$4,736,000 for 1925.

In other words, the operating expenses for the nine months ending since March 31 are less than those for the same period of the preceding year by \$360,000 and less than the expenses for the same period in 1925 by more than \$2,210,000.

Grain Ships.

This reduction is emphasized when consideration is given to the large amounts spent by the board this year on special ships to move American grain and cotton and to supply deficiencies occasioned by the withdrawal of foreign tonnage during the British coal strike the early part of the present fiscal year, the extra expenditures for which were in the neighbourhood of \$400,000 in excess of similar expenditures during each of the two preceding fiscal years, much of which represents a capital charge in the way of betterments.

The following is a list of ships in operation: March, 1925, 325; March, 1926, 289; March, 1927, 327.

It is estimated that the Shipping Board's cost for the entire fiscal year ending June 30, including the special expenses referred to above will not be in excess of \$3,200,000. This compares with a total for the previous fiscal year of \$3,920,000 and a total for the fiscal year 1925 of \$6,012,600.

The operating cost for the month of March was less than that of any other month since 1921, and the operating results should be very much more favourable during the remainder of the fiscal year, Chairman O'Connor states.

The operating results of the United States Lines for the past ten months have shown a profit of approximately \$27,400, as against a loss of approximately \$250,000 for the corresponding periods of the fiscal years 1924, 1925 and 1926.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

Passengers left Hong Kong for Manila by the s.s. "Empress of Russia" on August 10 were:-
Miss V. C. Aemoloff, Mr. A. Assanmali, Mr. and Mrs. R. Allix, Dr. C. Best, Mr. D. Blissett, Mrs. S. E. Black, Master S. Black, Miss L. Black, Messrs. J. Fayant, E. Felinam, Dr. A. P. Gustilo, Messrs. M. Handelsman, Th. Heyting, Miss J. Hunter, Miss B. M. Hunter, Mrs. T. Hippolite and infant, Mrs. S. Ikeda, Mr. C. G. Thomson, Mrs. L. Kolomolety, Mr. and Mrs. M. Liabon, Miss N. Laura, Messrs. E. H. Lockwood, Mrs. J. Miller, Miss J. Miller, Mrs. M. McGuire, Master McGuire, Mrs. E. E. Marchant, Messrs. B. Moiseiwitch, M. Ouyé, Mrs. A. Rogers, Messrs. E. R. Roberts, M. Romualdez, Mrs. A. Shippam, Messrs. S. Schechter, R. Stupel, J. Stenk, R. B. Shaw, T. Santos, T. A. Torres, Mr. and Mrs. H. Uyeda, Lt. C. Urwick, Messrs. R. Valliam, A. Valenzuela, Miss A. D. Walker, Mr. J. R. Wientek, Mrs. C. S. Yaptanga, Master A. Yaptanga, Miss B. Yaptanga, Miss E. S. Young and Mr. F. B. Zamora.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. I. & Apcar Line s.s. "Santhia" will leave Amoy for this port to-morrow at p.m. and is due here on August 18 at p.m.

The s.s. "Flume-L" (D. & Co.) sailed from Colombo on August 3, and is due to arrive in Hong Kong on August 18.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" (Capt. A. J. Hocken, R.N.R.) sailed for Manila yesterday at p.m. and is due back here on Monday, August 22.

She will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama on August 24 at noon.

The following vessels of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes are expected here:-

"Athos II," August 30.

"D'Artagnan," September 13.

The M.V. "Esquillo (D. & Co.) from Brindisi, is expected in Hong Kong on September 15.

The s.s. "Bolton Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on July 19, and is due to arrive in Hong Kong on September 24.

NOT "DERELICT."

JUDGMENT IN LIBEL ACTION.

The hearing has been concluded in the King's Bench Division of the action brought by Messrs. Otto Andersen and Co., Ltd., the owners of a shipyard at Wivenhoe, Essex, against the proprietors of the "Evening News," for damages for alleged libel. The jury returned a verdict for the shipyard company for £500, and judgment was entered accordingly. On the application of Mr. Norman Birkett, for the "Evening News," a stay of execution for fourteen days was granted.

The words complained of were contained in an article describing the life of Mr. Brown, an American millionaire, who lived and died on a yacht in the shipyard. The concluding paragraphs read: "A strange silence enveloped the yacht as it lay propped by blackened spars in the dry dock of a derelict shipyard."

Opening the case for the "Evening News," Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., submitted that the words complained of were not capable of a defamatory meaning.

Mr. Justice Hordge held that the words were capable of such a meaning.

Mr. William Henry Fieldgate, of Brightlingsea, said he was manager of Mr. Brown's yacht. He went daily to the yacht. In the spring and summer the yard was overgrown with weeds, some of them to a height of three feet. On one occasion he saw two men with a barrow distributing small coal over the weeds. He also saw men on one day cleaning up the half-built ship with steel brushes, and one afternoon there were men on the ship busy "doing nothing." A party came to visit the ship and a noise was made with hammers on the planks of the ship. When the party had gone the men left off.

Mr. James Alfred Jones, a reporter on the "Evening News," said he wrote the article in question. On April 8, 1926, he went down to Wivenhoe to gather information about Mr. Bayard Brown, and especially about the steam yacht. He stayed at the local hotel and spoke to some twenty local people, whose names he did not know.

The next day he went to the yard and spoke to members of the crew for some three-quarters of an hour. The yard presented a desolate and deserted scene. There were no signs of life on the half-built ship.

HER LAST VOYAGE.

One of the earliest and best-known vessels on the South African and Australian service of the White Star Line, the *Peric*, left the Mersey on July 7 for Rotterdam in tow of two Dutch tugs, the *Witteze* and the *Selne*. She was sold to Frank Rijdsdijk's Industries, Ltd., Hendrik Ido Ambacht, Holland, about a month ago for about \$25,000 for breaking up. Of 12,221 tons, built by Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Belfast, in 1899, she was one of the pioneers of one-class travel.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Chenonceaux" are informed by the Agent that all claims must be sent to him before August 12.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Benlaevers" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after August 15. The M.V. "Raby Castle" from New York, Newport News & Norfolk has arrived and consignees are asked to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after August 15.

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Sept. 7	Seattle	Agulhania	Oct. 5	Chrg-S'ampin Oct. 11
Sept. 14	San Francisco	Majestic	Oct. 15	Chrg-S'ampin Oct. 21
Sept. 21	Seattle	Leviathan	Oct. 22	Chrg-S'ampin Oct. 28
Sept. 28	San Francisco	Olympic	Oct. 29	Chrg-S'ampin Nov. 4
Oct. 5	Seattle	Boregaria	Nov. 2	Chrg-S'ampin Nov. 8
Oct. 12	San Francisco	Leviathan	Nov. 12	Chrg-S'ampin Nov. 18
Oct. 19	Seattle	Agulhania	Nov. 16	Chrg-S'ampin Nov. 22
Oct. 26	San Francisco	Majestic	Nov. 26	Chrg-S'ampin Dec. 2
Nov. 3	Seattle	Leviathan	Dec. 3	Chrg-S'ampin Dec. 9

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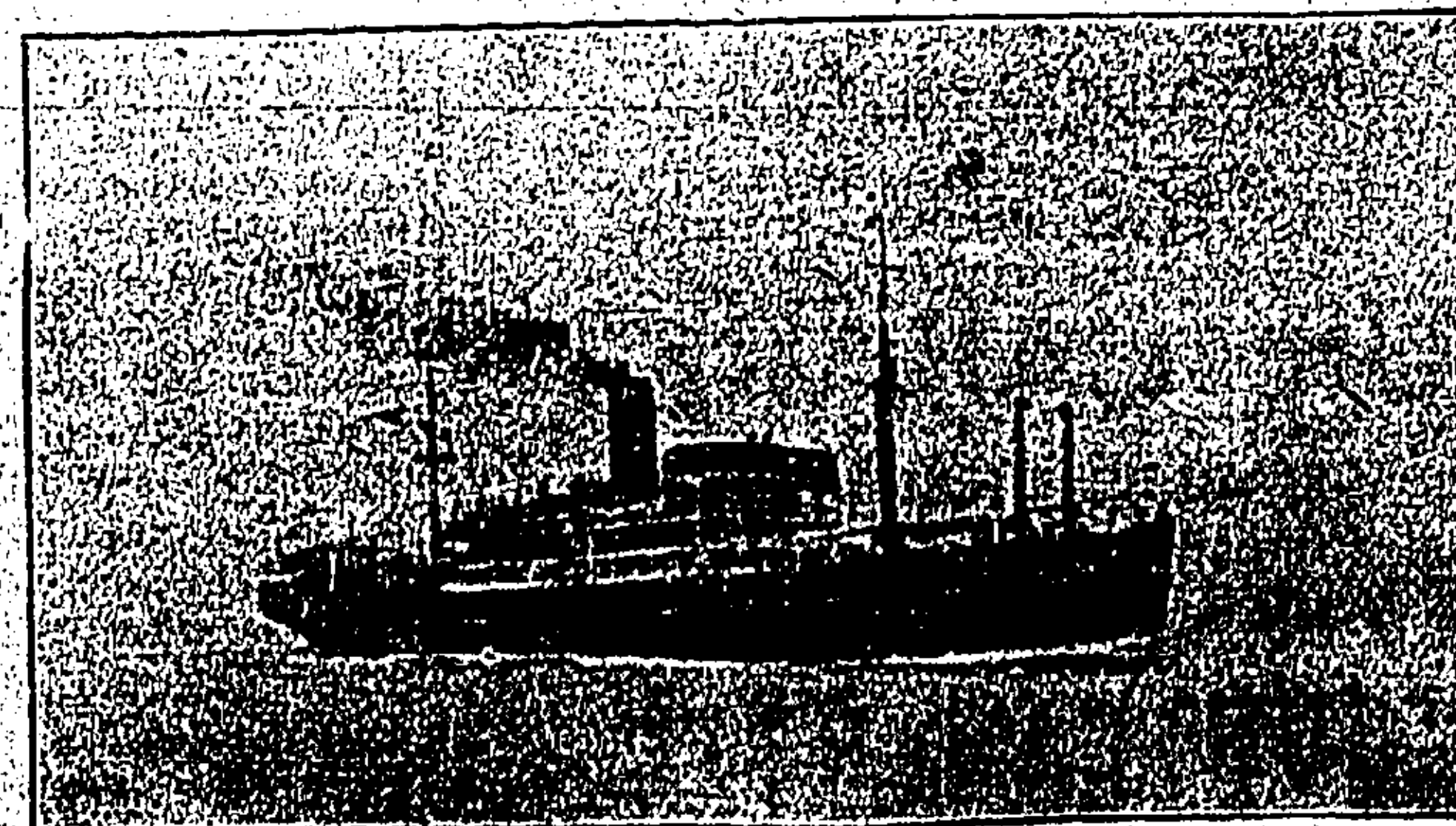
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S.S. "TAIPING."

"I do," replied the man. "I just paid for hats for daughters."

"TAIMING" AFFAIR.

(Continued from Page 1.)

On their return later, they were asked to point out the men alleged to have assaulted the spies but this they failed to do. They informed the Captain that a ship's officer's presence was required at the headquarters and the Chief Officer, No. 1 comprador and No. 1 Indian guard thereupon accompanied them ashore.

The demand made at this conference was that a member of the comprador's staff should be sent ashore as a hostage for the No. 1 comprador in consideration of the officers' statement that the No. 1 comprador could not be spared. The ship would then be allowed to proceed.

Inhuman Treatment. As the arrested cook could be seen tied to the flag staff at headquarters with his hands lashed behind his back and another rope passed through the lashings, over a beam and hauled tight so that he was standing on the tip of his toes, there were no volunteers as hostage.

The Chinese military official who was in charge of the negotiations thereupon announced that the ship would be kept under arrest until word came from Canton where he was sending a report.

After the "Taiming" had been detained for four and a half days, an official called on board on the night of the 7th inst. and informed the Captain that a Chinese gunboat was arriving which would tow the "Taiming" down to Canton the following day.

A Timely Arrival. When the morning came, the gunboat put in an appearance, but so far from being a Chinese gunboat, it turned out to be H.M.S. "Moth," on river patrol. As soon as the "Moth's" nose poked round the corner of Dosing, the ten soldiers, who had been placed on board as guard beat a hasty retreat, and, as a last throw, an official boarded and asked for \$75 for "medicine" for the spy who had been thrashed and had marks on his body. No money was forthcoming from the comprador who was approached.

Negotiations for the release of the cook were begun shortly after the arrival of H.M.S. "Moth," but the officials remained adamant and informed the Captain of the "Taiming" and the 1st Lieutenant of the "Moth" that the head official had left, taking with him the keys which locked the chains of the captive. In a tone of derision, the two delegates were told "you can have him, there he is." Near the captive, incidentally, there are barracks and some forty to fifty soldiers were visible, all armed and watching the proceedings.

"Moth" Stands By. The Chief Officer volunteered to cut the man "adrift" and it was eventually agreed that this was the only course to take. H.M.S. "Moth" steaming down to the Bureau headquarters "cleared for action," whilst the Captain of the "Taiming," the Chief Officer and 1st Lieutenant of the "Moth" went on shore to the barracks.

The captive's chains were cut in the middle with a cold chisel and hammer, no opposition being offered while the operation was in progress, and the party returned with the cook bearing half of the chain locked about his neck.

It is said that the release of the "Taiming" was due to the efforts of the Commissioner of Customs in Samsui who got into touch with the S.N.O. of the river flotilla.

Detained A Week. The arrival of H.M.S. "Moth" also enabled the release to be effected of the A.P.C. lighter "Pokoi" and its towboat, and the motor tanker "Tai Ping Shan" which had been detained for a week because they did not have a document issued in Canton which the local authorities claimed was necessary. The boats, incidentally, do not touch at Canton. The efforts of the Assistant Manager of the A.P.C. to effect their arrest by a personal visit to Dosing had been in vain.

After the "Moth's" arrival, no opposition was offered to their departure.

REV. ED. T. SNUGGS.

The Rev. Edward T. Snuggs, of the Paochow China Mission, in the course of a little grumble sent to this office from Ootacamund, Southern India, regarding the late receipt of his "Overland Mail," mentions that he attended a meeting there of the Madras Branch of the League of Nations. Several education Indians spoke, and it was apparent to Mr. Snuggs that they were working in harmony with the British. Will he asks we ever see that consummation between Chinese and British?

He asks us to hasten the despatch of his newspapers as "news of the situation in South China is essential to one having interests in that locality." The Indian papers only give news of Shanghai and the north of China.

RUSSIAN OIL.

SHIPMENTS OF GERMAN PIPES.

ROTTERDAM TO ODESSA.

Rotterdam, Yesterday. Regular shipments of pipes destined for the construction of pipe and the boring of conduit systems in the Russian oilfields have been made lately via Rotterdam. About a score of vessels are already on their way to Odessa with such cargoes, ranging from 500 to 2,000 tons per ship. The pipes were manufactured at German ironworks on the Rhine and Ruhr districts.—Reuter.

Trouble Over Purchases. The Russian oilfields and their products have been the subject of much comment of late. A New York message of July 26 said that a statement made by Sir Henri Deterding, through his New York representative, has added fuel to the controversy among the oil companies in connection with the "Red" oil.

There have been differences between the Standard Oil group of companies regarding their attitude towards Soviet Russia, whose oil the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey refuses to use "until the Soviets recognise the rights of private property."

To the contrary, the Standard Oil Company of New York and the Vacuum Oil Company have made contracts for the purchase of oil from Russia.

This policy, Sir Henri Deterding, in his statement, vigorously attacks, declaring that it is against the interests of humanity, trade and honesty.

The "New York Times" sees behind this statement the possible threat of the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company to invade American territory in Europe and the Far East, in retaliation. Sir Henri Wilhelm Deterding is Director-General of the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company, and a Director of the Shell Transport and Trading Co., Ltd.

LATE GEN. L. WOOD.

VALUE OF PHILIPPINES TO AMERICA.

The "Daily Telegraph," in a tribute to the late General Leonard Wood, as a great Colonial Administrator, whose task in some respects was more difficult than Lord Cromer's in Egypt, stresses the importance of American sovereignty in the Philippines and says that thoughtful Americans, recognising that the Chinese element there is becoming more important, as the migrants work while the Filipinos prefer leisure and while Japan, with a large surplus population, is not far away.

It is extremely convenient, with China in a state of chaos, for America politically and commercially to have a secure base in Manila within reach of Shanghai and Tientsin. The withdrawal of Americans from the Philippines, either now or in the near future, would very seriously weaken the position of the Western Powers in the Far East, and thus complicate still further an extremely difficult situation.—Reuter.

The Funeral. Washington, Yesterday. With military honours, Major-General Leonard Wood was buried at Tall Knoll, Arlington. Mr. Kellogg represented President Coolidge.—Reuter's American Service.

RAINS IN INDIA.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO CROPS.

Calcutta, Yesterday. It is reported that the flood in Gujarat damaged or destroyed 50 per cent. of the cotton, 90 per cent. of tobacco and a large proportion of the food crops north of Broach. The probable loss of cotton at Gujarat and Kathiawar is 180,000 bales.

Large cotton areas are reported to have been destroyed by abnormal floods in Lower Sind. Crops are flourishing elsewhere.—Reuter.

GAMBLERS FINED.

RAID ROPES IN IS CHINESE.

Thirteen Chinese were this morning charged before Mr. B. E. Lindsell with gambling at No. 119 Queen's Road West. The first and second accused were further charged with keeping a gambling den. The first accused who said that he was the tenant of the house told the Magistrate that it was a festive time and some friends indulged in a harmless game of cards after partaking of a meal with him. The Magistrate enquired why second accused collected a commission from the players. First defendant said that that was to cover the cost of the cards. The Magistrate was not convinced and fined first accused \$40 as keeper of the gambling den. Second accused was fined \$10 for assisting. No. 120 The gambling house was raided. The cards and \$10.55 found on the gambling table were ordered to be confiscated.

"GALLOWES" IN COURT.

EXPERIMENTS WITH DUMMY BODY.

COUNSEL'S GRUESOME TESTS.

The Castle Peak murder trial was continued at the Criminal Sessions this morning when Mr. F. C. Jenkin made a number of experiments to show the effect on a rope when it was cut both under tension and without tension. For this purpose he produced a full sized dummy and also a wooden structure resembling a gallows.

Inspector Lane was the first witness called this morning. He produced two ropes, one found round the woman's neck and the other round the waist. He said that the ends of the ropes did not correspond in either case but that an end of the rope found round the woman's neck corresponded with an end of the rope found round the waist.

Missing Piece of Rope. His Lordship asked if the suggestion was that assuming the rope found on the woman and the rope found in the house were parts of the same rope, then there was a missing portion of rope. Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, counsel for the Crown, said that was the suggestion.

Mr. Jenkin, opening his cross-examination, intimated that he would ask leave to cross-examine the new point which had been raised when he had further considered the matter.

In reply to questions by Mr. Jenkin, witness said that by his training he was an observer of facts considered to be of importance in connection with crime. He was in company with the Director of the C.I.D. before digging operations were commenced the police had in view the possibility of death having been violent.

Asked if he had made any reference at the Magistrate to the fact that the woman's hair was down, witness said he believed he had done so. Mr. Jenkin referred to witness's statement and said no mention was made of it. Witness then replied that he thought he referred to it in a statement which was sent to the Crown Solicitor. He put significance on the fact that the hair was down but not special significance.

Inspector Lane was also cross-examined with regard to the experiment he conducted by cutting down a hanging body and noting what was the effect on the rope. In answer to Mr. Jenkin he said that when he made the experiment a Chinese detective caught hold of the rope, and lifted himself from the ground. The rope was then cut.

Detective On Rope. Mr. Jenkin then intimated that he desired to conduct an experiment in court and brought in front of the dock a wooden framework, over six feet high and several feet wide. The top beam of the framework, said Mr. Jenkin, was about as high as the beam in the house. Counsel moved away from the table to make room for Mr. Jenkin's exhibit.

Counsel then attached a rope to the top of the beam and a Chinese detective then swung on the rope. The rope was then cut by Inspector Lane, and it was noticed that the rope frayed for several inches. The detective fell to the ground, a few inches, when the rope was cut.

A second experiment consisted of cutting the rope attached to the beam when tension had been removed. The cut was not a clean one, however, and the experiment was repeated, use being made of the full sized dummy which had been brought into Court by counsel for the defence. This dummy was suspended from a rope attached to the beam, Mr. Jenkin taking a 'chopper' and severing the rope. It was noticed that the end frayed. The dummy was again suspended, Mr. Jenkin holding it up and so reducing tension on the rope at the same time cutting the rope. In this case the rope did not fray.

Curious Spectators. As counsel was demonstrating that the experiments proved that when tension was taken off a rope and it was cut, the rope did not fray, His Lordship's attention was called to the fact that several Chinese spectators had gathered round the scene of the experiment and he directed that they should return to their seats.

For the purpose of further demonstration, a nail was driven into the side panel of the "gallows" and Inspector Lane, in accordance with the request of counsel, made a clove hitch with a piece of rope held by the nail.

The next witness called for the prosecution was Sub-Inspector Wilson who said that prior to joining the local Police force he served 14 years in the Royal Navy, during which time he had had considerable experience of "knot tying." Asked to examine the rope found around the woman's neck, witness said that it would not make a good slipping noose, although if it was pulled round a person's neck, strangulation would easily be effected.

A "Slippery Hitch." The knot around the deceased woman's neck, said witness, was known as a "slippery hitch," the simplest of all knots.

Cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin, witness agreed that the knot could be tied just as easily whether or not the noose was first slipped over the head. Witness added that a noose made with a "slippery hitch" would not give.

The last witness was a contractor who gave evidence of finding the body. He conducted a search, he stated, owing to it having come to his knowledge that a reward was offered.

RESERVOIRS FULL.

BIG INCREASE IN LOCAL CONSUMPTION.

AUGUST 1 WATER FIGURES.

It is seldom, even during exceptionally heavy rain seasons, that the Colony is able to enjoy the security afforded by the knowledge that all reservoirs in Hong Kong are level with overflow. Recent improvements in catchwaters and the particularly heavy and continued recent rains have, however, enabled us to enjoy this experience, as shown by the water return issued on the 1st inst.

The total water in storage (which is therefore capacity storage) is 2,118.41 million gallons in Hong Kong and 451.94 million gallons in Kowloon.

Last year also was somewhat in the nature of a record and few reservoirs were below overflow level, so the difference in the figures is not great. Last year on August 1 there was 2,114.73 million gallons in storage in Hong Kong and 451.94 million gallons in Kowloon.

There has, however, been a very great increase in average consumption per head per day, this year's average in Hong Kong (during July) being 25.7 gallons, comparing with last year's average of 18.8 Kowloon figures were 21.3 gallons this year and 16.6 last year.

Last year, there was a constant supply in all rider main districts from July 1 to July 6 inclusive; an intermittent supply in all districts West of Garden Road from July 7 to July 18; the supply was seriously disorganised from July 19 to July 23, owing to damage to the supply mains in the Eastern and Western districts; an intermittent supply to all rider main districts was maintained from July 24 to July 31. There was a full supply in Kowloon during July last year.

During July this year, there was a full supply in all rider mains in both Hong Kong and Kowloon.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on August 1, 1927.—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.	1926	1927
Tytam	Level	Level
Tytam Byewash	Do.	Do.
Tytam Intermediate	Do.	Do.
Tytam Tuk	Do.	Do.
Wong Nei Chun	211' 11"	Do.
Pokfulum	Level	Do.

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow."]
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1926	1927
Tytam	384.80	384.80
Tytam Byewash	22.37	22.37
Tytam Intermediate	195.90	195.90
Tytam Tuk	1,419.00	1,419.00
Wong Nei Chun	28.66	30.84
Pokfulum	66.00	63.00
Total	2,114.73	2,118.41

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of July.—

	1926	1927
Consumption	235.17	330.23
Estimated population	408,320	413,840

Consumption per head per day

	1926	1927
Constant Supply in all Rider Main districts from July 1 to 6 inclusive.	18.8	25.7

From July 7 to 18, intermittent supply in all districts west of Garden Road. From July 19 to 23, the supply was seriously disorganised owing to damage to the supply mains in the eastern and western districts. From July 24 to 31, 1926, an intermittent supply to all rider main districts was maintained. Full supply in all rider main districts during July 1927.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir	Level	Level
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	0' 4" B.	Do.
Reception Reservoir	Do.	Do.

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir	352.50	352.50
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	99.44	105.80
Reception Reservoir	Do.	Do.
Total	451.94	458.30

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of July.

	1926	1927
Consumption	80.24	106.46
Estimated population	156,040	161,080
Consumption per head per day	16.6	21.3

Full Supply in all districts during July, 1926 and 1927.

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August 12—World Theatre: "Rose of the World."
August 12—Star Theatre, Kowloon: "Our Cabarets," 9.30 p.m.
"The Denver Dude," 2.30 to 8.30 p.m.

August 11—Informal dance at "Cheer O," 7 p.m.
August 12—Concerts at "Cheer O" and "Better 'Ole," 7 p.m.

August 13—Grand Concert at City Hall, 6.30 p.m.
August 22—Social Service for Service men on the roof of St. Peter's Y.M. Club.

Sports.
August 13—Baseball: S. China Tigers v. Club de Recreio; All-Around Chinese of Honolulu v. Far East (Chinese-Filipino-Japanese), 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

August 14—Hong Kong Baseball Club v. S. China "Dragons"; All-Around Chinese of Honolulu v. All Hong Kong, Happy Valley Diamond, 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

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September 15—Valuable properties in the New Territories, at Messrs. Lammert's Sales Room, 8, Duddell Street, 3 p.m.

Meetings.
August 11—Extraordinary general meeting of members of the Kowloon Cricket Club, Club House, 5.30 p.m.

August 18—Meeting of Creditors of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Taxicab Co., Ltd., Liquidators Office, 3, Queen's Road Central, H. K. noon.

August 22—Meeting of Shareholders of M.Y. San Co., Ltd. (in liquidation), to confirm resolution passed at previous meeting, Queen's Road, Central, 2.30 p.m.

August 26—Fortieth annual meeting of members of the H.K. Football Club, in the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (top floor), 6.30 p.m.

August 27—Fourth Meeting of Hong Kong Realty & Trust Co., Ltd., Exchange Building (2nd floor), 11.30 a.m.

Miscellaneous.
August 13—Moonlight bathing picnic under the auspices of St. Peter's Y.M. Club.

August 18—Night fete at Victoria Recreation Club, when first class Australian stars passing through to Japan will also compete.

August 21—Band of the 1st Queen's Royal Regt. will play at evening service at St. John's Cathedral.

August 26—Whist drive at St. John's Cathedral Hall.

ENGINEER'S CRIME.

RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAIN COLLISION.

Lorenzo Bulatao, an engineer of the Manila Railroad, and regarded as principally responsible for the train collision in Tondo in April resulting in the death of two persons, was sentenced by Judge Imperial to a total prison term of four years, and eight months for reckless imprudence.

The carelessness of Bulatao to observe train signals was the principal cause of the collision and wreck of two locomotives of the railroad company, the findings of the court showed.

On April 23, Bulatao was the engineer and the person in charge of locomotive No. 24 hauling several freight cars then proceeding from San Lazaro station to Calocan. Another train, Locomotive No. 57 was approaching from the opposite direction. Through the carelessness of Bulatao to observe the signal as to whether he had a clear way, his locomotive collided with that of the other locomotive, resulting in the death of Nemesio Paraisio, freeman, and Juan Castro, engineer. Inspector Andres de Guzman, engineer suffered serious injuries.

Bulatao was prosecuted for double homicide, and was accordingly convicted and given a prison term of two years and four months for the death of each of his companions. He was also sentenced to pay an indemnity of P1,000 to the heirs of Paraisio and Castro, or subsidiary imprisonment in case of insolvency.

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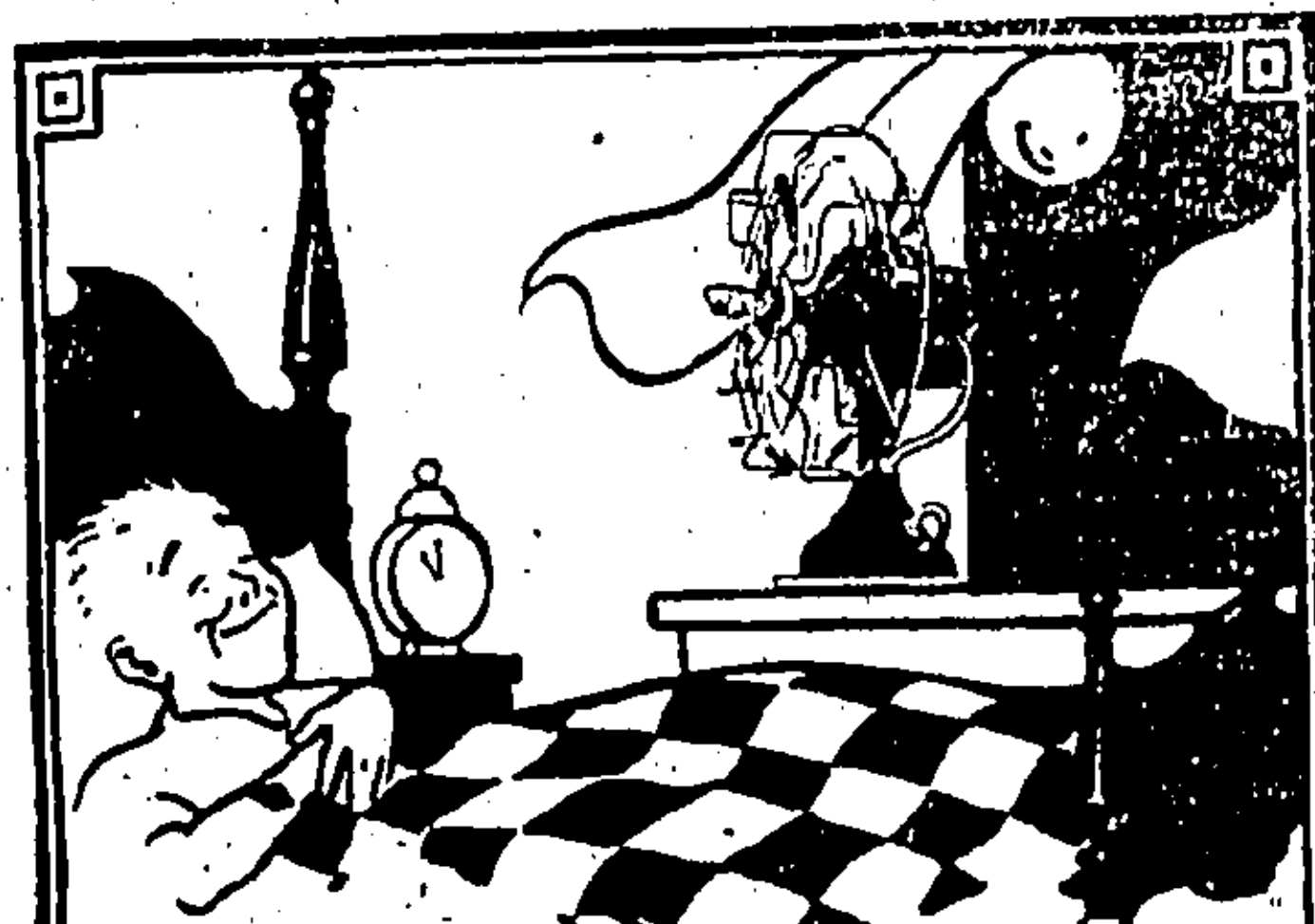
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

A race between pigeons and Mr. Cecil Hilton, M.P., from Westminster to Bolton was won by the birds, the first arriving more than half an hour before Mr. Hilton's train.

The drive organised by the Shanghai Special District Kuomintang Party for the promotion of the sale of Chinese manufactured goods, has been postponed until August 5, due, it was stated, to delays encountered in making preparations.

Paddling at Sheerness with her sisters, a girl trod upon a large fish, which, when killed, was found to be nearly five feet long, with jaws more than two feet across. It weighed over a hundredweight, and is described by longshoremen as a monk-fish.

The famous French aviator, Pelletier d'Oisy, will, it is believed, be called upon shortly to organise a commercial aviation service in French Indo-China. "M. Varenne, the Governor of Indo-China," states d'Oisy, "is thinking of creating a service which will link up Hawaii, Saigon and Bangkok."

A Lausanne message says that according to indications obtainable at the Ecclesiastical Conference on Faith and Order, meeting there, the strongest appeal for unity, so far, has come from missions in China, Japan and India, where national Christian churches are against European and American denominationalism.

Beginning on August 1, the Nationalist Government enforced its laws governing usury and limiting the amount of interest to 20 per cent. It is the intention of the Government, says the Chinese Press, to stop iniquities on the part of money-lenders who are said to have asked for as much as 60 to 80 per cent. per annum.

During the heavy storm yesterday morning about 8 a.m. lightning struck the wireless mast at the Royal Observatory, Kowloon, the shock throwing the operator out of his chair but inflicting no hurt on him. The long wave aerial and receiver were slightly damaged but repairs were speedily effected and the working of the station was not interfered with.

"While we have no desire to incite the Chinese authorities to commit absurdities, we are interested to note that no protests have been published against foreign planes flying over Chinese territory in this neighbourhood. Can it be that the local Chinese authorities have a degree of discretion which is lacking at Shanghai?" states the "North-China Daily Mail" (Tientsin).

The body of a hunchback, believed to be James Cook, of Ilford, was found in the Thames at Ham near Twickenham ferry, tied by the waist to a buttress of the Ham Draw Dock.

A rumour is current that Unzen hotels have been fully booked up for the summer season, but such is not the case. It is estimated that there is still accommodation available for another hundred guests.



Maj. Gen. Edgar Jadwin, Chief of Army Engineers. He is in charge of navigation on the Mississippi and will supervise the new levees which the government will build to hold the Mississippi in check in time of flood.

Money apparently is not the main consideration with all bandits. A Chefoo report states that mediators have succeeded in arranging terms for the ransom of Mr. Suen, proprietor of a local store. The agreed price is \$3,000, forty ounces of opium, one hundred pairs of cloth shoes and two hundred pairs of foreign socks.

In consequence of the large number of illiterates among criminals in Turkish prisons the authorities are going to start a course of instruction for such prisoners. They are to be taught at least to read and write. If the Board of Education has its way no prisoner will be discharged, whatever his sentence, until he knows his alphabet.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Dr. J. Portelli has been seconded for service under the Johore Government.

Mr. W. B. Penman has severed his connection with the Straits Trading Co., Ltd., and has joined Messrs. Rose Macphail and Co.

Major-General Sir E. H. de V. Atkinson, who since 1924 has been Master of General Supplies in India, has been promoted to Lieutenant-General.

Mr. T. Takahashi, the General Manager of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd., Singapore returned to the Colony from his vacation leave by the "Sphinx."

Lt.-Col. Thomas Holcomb has replaced Col. Little as commandant of the American Legation Guard in Peking. Col. Little is returning to the United States.

The Rev. and Mrs. R. K. S. Adams (for St. Andrew's School and St. Andrew's House) are due to arrive in Singapore from Australia on September 23.

Mr. Hugh Cumming, of the National City Bank in Peking, will sever his connection with the bank at the end of this month in order to join the staff of the American Legation.

Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur S. Cantrell has been appointed Brigade Major to the Chatham Division of the Royal Marines. He lately returned from the China Station, where he had been serving in the flagship "Hawkins" as Fleet Marine Officer.

Mr. Harry Maxwell, who has been the Danish Consul in Kobe and Osaka for the past nine years, tendered his resignation of the post upon joining the staff of General Motors Japan, Ltd., Osaka, and Mr. Paul Jorgensen now is in charge of the Consulate in the capacity of acting Consul.

Sir Francis Aglen's wife is the second daughter of the late Mr. Murray Pringle Ritchie, of Liverpool and Chills. Sir Francis, who is 57 years of age, married in 1908, Senga Marion, daughter of the late Professor Sir Bayley Belfour. She died in 1925. He has three sons and two daughters.

Mr. C. V. Bailey takes the place of Mr. D. J. Ward on Financial Committee of Raffles College.

The late Mr. Vivian F. Smith (38), of Freshwater, Isle of Wight, formerly of the Peak Hotel, Hong Kong, left estate valued at \$43,363.



Capt. Harold Campbell, commandant of North Island marine air force and holder of the Herbert Smith trophy which is awarded for flying more hours last year without an accident than any other aviator in the United States naval or marine service. He is an entrant in the San Diego-Hawalei hop for the \$25,000 James Dole prize.

The British section of the Board of Governors of Shanghai Christian University at Tsinan-fu, China, have just been tendered, with great regret, the resignation of Mr. Harold Balme, F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., who has been President of the University since 1921. Dr. Balme is now in England and his resignation is due entirely to private family reasons. He went out to China as a medical missionary in 1906, and became Professor of Surgery at Shantung University in 1912. He was also Chairman of the Council on Medical Education of the China Medical Missionary Association, and was first President of the China Association for Christian Higher Education. He was also Vice-Chairman of the National Christian Council of China, and the author of "China and Modern Medicine," and other books.

The goods and chattels of the Cafe Parisien, Au Chic Parisien, Beauty Parlour Parisien and the Europe Asia Trading Company are to be sold by public auction tomorrow at noon.

The ground formerly known as Luna Park at the corner of Tottenham Court Road, has now become a motor parking place for 500 cars, open day and night, at 1s. for six hours and 1s. 6d. for nine hours.

Workers of the B.A.T. factories in Pootung, which have been closed temporarily, conducted a meeting in Pootung to discuss ways and means of raising funds for the relief of employees during their period of idleness.

Chinese police chiefs and heads of nine other departments of the Shanghai Municipal Government officially took over the duties of their offices. The occasion was marked by brief, informal ceremonies.

An official report on deaths caused by wild animals in Burma during the past year states that snakes claimed 1,160 victims, tigers 38, leopards and panthers 7, elephants 5, crocodiles 4, bison 3, wild pig 1, and the Tucktu lizard 1.

Owing to a mishap as the express train from Canton was about to enter the station at Kowloon on Tuesday evening, the downline was temporarily blocked, passengers from in-coming trains having to wait until the damage was repaired yesterday. The up-service was not interfered with. The rear coaches (fifth and sixth) of the in-coming train on Tuesday evening were partially derailed and as a result a signal post was bent and several sleepers torn up. The coaches were not overturned and no-one was injured although there was considerable excitement among the Chinese passengers.

Replying to questions in the Dutch Second Chamber, the Foreign Minister made the following statement:—"Now that the cruiser 'Sumatra' has left Shanghai, the Government intends to send a ship of the Flores type to Chinese waters, should such prove necessary for the protection of Dutch nationals. With a view to such an eventuality, the necessary orders have been given. The Government is of opinion, in view of the serious nature of the recent disturbances in China and the continued uncertainty as to whether the said protection can be left to the Chinese authorities, that the sending of another ship than a man-of-war would prove insufficient."

Dr. Noel Clark's appointment as Unofficial Legislative Councillor, Singapore, has been confirmed.

Major R. M. McDowell, Captain W. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Few, Lieut. and Mrs. G. Gates and Mrs. C. V. Gilson departed for Manila by the "President Jackson" on Tuesday.

Mr. A. C. Aveling, senior secretary of the British Legation in Peking, has assumed his new duties. Mr. A. H. George very shortly again will resume duties in the Legation.

Mr. C. P. Smith, Third Police Magistrate, Singapore, will leave for Christmas Island shortly to take up the post of District Officer there. He will be succeeded by Mr. C. H. Dakers.

Dr. C. Best, Mr. D. Bluet, Dr. A. P. Gustilo, Mr. R. B. Shaw, Lieut. C. Urwick, and Mr. B. Moselwitach were amongst the passengers who left for Manila by the "Empress of Russia" yesterday.

Commissions as Second Lieutenants in the S.S.V.F. have been granted to Messrs. A. P. Goldman and A. J. P. Carruthers, and the resignation of Lieut. F. S. Clarke from the Reserve of Officers has been accepted.

Mr. Chu, the Chinese member of the League of Nations Council, having received an order from the Nanking Nationalist Government to return immediately to China, left on July 11 by the Japanese liner "Katori Maru" from Naples.

The Rev. C. M. Francis, A.K.C. is arriving by the "Malwa." He has accepted the post of Chaplain of Malacca, but before taking up his duties there, he is going to act as locum tenens in Telang and Ipoh, in order to allow of the Rev. P. Browning and the Rev. G. White taking holidays.

During the visit to Formosa of the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, Headmaster of Diocesan Boys' School, a dinner was held at Tainan, the capital, at which there were present many Old Diocesan Boys and parents and guardians of past and present pupils. Mr. Featherstone, who was accompanied on his trip by Mr. Evan Stewart (of St. Paul's College) returned to Hong Kong yesterday on the "Hosan Maru."

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A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

The past week in China has been marked with a good deal of actual fighting, as well as a number of events of political importance. Chiang Kai-shek, the Nanking war lord, after long preparation, met the Northerners near Pengpu, and suffered a rather severe defeat. Much military activity is reported from Shantung.

The "Christian General," Feng Yu-hsiang, has again entered the arena, this time as "generalissimo" for the Hankow party, which, owing to a number of defections, is considered to be in a state of disintegration. Eugene Chen is reported to be in Shanghai. Full accounts of the week's military and political moves are given in the "Overland Mail," in which there are a week's papers in one, the news being summarised and pieced together day by day so that a complete and logical story is presented to the reader.

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SPORTS

RUGBY UNITY.

THE WELSH UNION AND THE RULES.

WHAT OF THE COLONIES?

Two points of outstanding importance emerged at the annual meeting of the Welsh Rugby Union: one is the fact that last season a Rugby crisis was only just averted; the other is that another crisis is extremely likely to arise because of the compromise which led to the illusion of peace. Mr. Horace Lyn (who, by the way, has been elected Life President of the Union) said quite bluntly in dealing with the International Board that they have passed through what was very nearly a crisis in the Rugby world. Upon two main points England and Wales found themselves ranged against Scotland and Ireland—one a question of policy; the other a matter of the laws of the game. England and Wales wanted to give greater recognition to the Colonies and to secure a general adoption of the rule that only three forwards should take their places in the

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front row of the scrummage. Scotland and Ireland were opposed to both these proposals, and unity was secured by the abandonment of the first proposal. It is a very great pity that the official representatives of Rugby football in Scotland and Ireland should oppose the proposal to admit the Dominions to the International Board.

World-Wide Interest.

Rugby football has become of world-wide importance and interest. Long since it was recognised that the ruling of the game was not a matter for a single Union. With the setting up of the International Board the international character of Rugby interests was recognised. With the growth of the game in New Zealand, Australia and South Africa, and the interchange due to the visits of touring teams, it has been recognised more and more that it is desirable that one code of rules should govern the game throughout the world; but it is very strongly felt that those who are called upon to obey the laws should have a voice in the making of laws, and it is certain that essential unity in the Rugby game will only be attained and maintained when New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, and France (and other countries in which the Rugby game becomes equally prominent and important) are admitted to the fellowship of a real International Board, where experiences can be pooled, ideas can be discussed, and changes in the laws for the good of the game may be brought into operation by the will of the majority. There is room for differences of opinion as to the need for any suggested change in the laws. Those who stand rigidly by the law and refuse to consider the possibilities of change are doing a real dis-service to a great game which has become greater through successive changes in the laws and the methods of play.

Uniform Rules.

It is a good thing to know that next year—at the price of what people in Wales regard as a very considerable sacrifice—the four countries will play under the same rules; but many of us regard with real misgiving the persistence of that conservative spirit in the ruling quarters of Rugby football which seems to dread experiments in the field and changes in the laws. But even more we regard with misgiving the possible effect upon the ruling bodies in the Colonies who are asked to accept the predominance of a ruling body on which they are not represented. There is much more likely to be local variations of the laws of Rugby in the Dominions under the present situation than there would be if the Dominions had places on the International Board. The ideal to be aimed at is a real International Board, representative of all the countries who play Rugby football in earnest, with permission to the individual countries to test the effect of proposed changes in the laws in matches played by members of their own unions, with a view to reporting to the International Board and the adoption of changes which work for the good of the game. Such a change in the laws was made by the Welsh Union last year with reference to play at the scrummage. If impartial and qualified observers had been appointed by the Scottish, English, and Irish Unions to see the working of that rule in Wales, we believe that it would have been adopted generally because of its beneficial effects. It undoubtedly raised the standard of play, and eliminated much that was objectionable on the skirts of the scrummage. Under present conditions, with an unchanged International Board, it will be very difficult to secure any change in the laws of the game, and though the argument of the Scots and Irish no doubt is that the game is good enough as it is, experience has taught that it could be improved by a few simple changes in the rules.—Observer.

FAME SMASHERS.

HOW SOME BOXERS HAVE ARRIVED.

WILDCAT TACTICS.

Gene Tunney, winning the world's heavy-weight championship in the most cultured manner—by taking a ten-round decision from Jack Dempsey, seems to have failed in his effort to elevate the ring, writes Robert Edgren. Gene started by quoting the poets and cultivating society with the idea that society would take a greater interest in boxing as conducted on a higher plane, and help swell the gate receipts.

It seems society doesn't care to swell the gate receipts unless it can see rough stuff. It can get plenty of culture without outside assistance. For a time society's interest in the next heavy-weight championship fight seemed to rest entirely upon the chance that Dempsey might come back in shape to put a sock into the proceedings and eliminate the more genteel and cultured decision method of winning inaugurated by Gene at Philadelphia.

Then along came Mr. Sharkey, of Boston, apparently more uncouth than Dempsey ever thought of being. He showed some notion of being as aggressive as Dempsey, and he socked Mr. Maloney almost in Dempsey style. Beside all that, he talked a lot of rough stuff about Maloney before the fight, and talked a lot of rough stuff to Maloney during the fight, and seems inclined to go right on ignoring the literature and poetry studied up by Mr. Tunney to elevate the ring, and use a lot of descriptive phrases culled from Rabelais and other authors of the crude middle ages, even when talking about the champion himself. He has no reverence.

Society seems to have fallen, hook, line, and sinker, for Mr. Sharkey of the rough tongue, the outstanding ears, and the uncivilized habit of moving straight ahead and swinging both fists instead of circling swiftly and specialising in the neat counter hit.

Public Wants a Fighter to Fight. If society is interested in anything else at this moment it is in the question whether Dempsey will come back tame or tough, intent on tapping his way into the money or on banging everyone else out of it. Because if Dempsey is Dempsey when he comes back, and he fights Sharkey, something may happen that will tie the Dempsey-Firpo fight for sensation.

Looking the season's heavy-weight prospect over, that's the single interesting feature it offers. The public doesn't care for imitations. It likes the genuine article. It wouldn't give two cents to hear Jack Dempsey play the violin. Jack Sharkey, or Gene Tunney interpreted "Hamlet." Any time these gentlemen want to pull on the four-ounce mittens and trade wallops, they can draw a gate.

John L. Sullivan was a ring "hero" for many years because he roared when he talked about fighting, boasted that he could "lick any man that ever lived," and fought like a savage, until age, fat, and dissipation destroyed his fighting ability, and he was licked by young Jim Corbett. It may be noted that John L. was still popular for many years after he lost the championship. That may be because John L. took his defeat, like Dempsey, without ever offering an alibi.

The public loved Bob Fitzsimmons in victory and in defeat. Old Bob was the world's greatest knockout artist. The gamest man in the world, too. His hands broke up, and he went on fighting. After his second fight with Jeffries, Bob showed me his shattered right hand, the first two fingers splintered, and the knuckles driven back an inch. "You must have done that hitting Jeff on top of the head," I suggested.

Bob refused the alibi. "I broke those two knuckles 'killing 'im on the jaw," he said. "What did you do, then?" I asked. "I turned my 'and up," said old Bob, "and 'it with these two knuckles I had left."

There is no other story more typical of Bob Fitzsimmons as a fighter. He had the courage that never recognised pain or injury or defeat. No fight was over for Fitzsimmons until he or the other man was stretched senseless on the padded floor.

Shock Methods. Tom Sharkey never knew anything about boxing. His idea of a fight was a wild swing with his left immediately followed by a wild swing with his right. Sharkey drew a crowd when he fought a clever boxer like Corbett, and when he faced the gigantic Jeffries. Everybody knew that Tom would fight like a wild man against any odds.

A few college athletes have tried ring fighting. Not one ever made good. A college education is a handicap to a fighter. A fighter doesn't need to quote Shakespeare to prove his superior intelligence, or use integral calculus in figuring out a one-two punch. It's a handicap to waste time studying anything else but fighting.

Jack Sharkey has leaped into popularity among ring fans because he hasn't claimed to be better than anyone else—except as a fighter.

The only literary gem I ever heard of in the boxing ring was "Lorna Doone." He liked "Lorna

ATHLETIC RECORDS.

D. G. A. LOWE'S DOUBLE EVENT.

NINE TITLES GO ABROAD.

London, July 2. The second and most important portion of the Amateur Athletic Association's championship meeting made Saturday the greatest day of the season for athletes. Considering the conditions, the times returned were remarkable, and three events stood out by themselves.

These were the 120 yards high hurdles, won by the holder, F. R. Gabry, for the fifth time in six years, in a championship best time of 14 9-10sec.; the 440 yards low hurdles, retained by Lord Burghley in 54 1-5sec., a new British record and equal to world's record; and the quarter-mile, the last race of the day, won by D. G. A. Lowe in 48 4-5sec., after the old Cantab and Olympic champion had finished first in the half-mile.

C. Ellis, the Birchfield harrier and Midland champion, beat H. Bocher, of Germany, to win the mile in 4min. 17sec., and another Birchfielder, J. E. Webster, retained his title in the steeplechase, but these were the only individual titles to count for England, the Continental "invasion" accounting for the other nine.

Hungarian Champion. Four Germans, four Swedes, and a Hungarian were the successful visitors, and the Hungarian, K. Marvalits, had the distinction of creating a new British record in throwing the discus 145ft. 8 1/2in.

The four German victors were H. Kornig, the German sprint champion, who won the 100 yards

WOMEN & TENNIS.

RECENT SPEEDILY-UP IN PLAY.

EFFECT OF ATTIRE.

Lawn tennis as played by women to-day is, I should think, about twice as fast as it was when played years ago, says Evelyn Colyer.

The very fact that women were considered smart only if they had very full skirts—which were made to stand out by means of starched under-slip—which came down to their ankles, shows that their movements could not have been very quick. Imagine anyone trying to follow her service to the net in such dress.

But the present day attire allows the ball to be hit right at the top of the bound, or, as with players such as Mrs. Mallory and Senorita de Alvarez, just a little before the top and slightly on the side.

One of Suzanne's many great points was that she took the ball so quickly off the ground and placed it so well that her opponent never had time to make any single shot in a comfortable position.

In the early days of Lawn Tennis a player used to take the ball very late, in fact, just before it reached the ground for the second time, and still place it beautifully. But had Suzanne followed this practice she certainly would not have been the great player she is. Her opponent would be able to watch the ball, and though she might have won a very lengthy contest in the end through her remarkable accuracy, she would never have



Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion of the world, and Jack Sharkey, contender for the title, after signing contracts to fight in the Yankee Stadium on July 21, the winner of the bout to meet Gene Tunney for the title. Photo shows Dempsey and Sharkey shaking hands after signing contracts with Tex Rickard. Dempsey knocked out Sharkey in the seventh round.

in 10 1-10sec.; H. Houben, who was second in the 100 yards, and beat Guy Butler, the holder, in the 220 yards in 21 4-5sec.; R. Dobermann, who won the long jump with a leap of 23ft. 1 1/2in.; and G. Brechenmacher, who was first in putting the weight with an effort of 46ft. 6 1/2in.

Kornig was prevented by a strained leg from turning out in the furlong, or he might have accomplished the "double."

The Swedish successes were gained by H. Lindblad, who cleared 12ft. 6in. in the pole jump; O. Skoeld, the Swedish hammer-throwing champion, who threw that missile a distance of 165ft.; H. Adolfsson, who cleared 6ft. to win the high jump; and B. Oehrn, who ran off with the four miles, an event which had promised to be a safe thing for one or other of the British competitors.

Doone," because the hero was a fighting giant who gripped another fighter's arm and plucked the biceps out of it like the string from an orange." Jeff could understand a feat of fighting strength like that. Jack Dempsey was the ideal fighting type. There never was a man with a finer fighting spirit. He never wasted time trying to be "clever," never danced away from anybody to play safe. He went in with a rush and gambled blow against blow. That's why millions of people to-day are hoping to see Dempsey come back fighting like the old Dempsey, back-fighting like the old Dempsey.

As a spectacle, one Dempsey is worth a thousand dancing, circling, cautious counter-hitters. Of course, the intelligence that enables a boxer to win fights without taking any risks is admirable, in a way. But intelligent people are so common you don't have to pay to look at them. The attraction of the boxing ring is the exhibition of crude physical force. In his age it's a novelty.

PROFESSIONAL GOLF.

OCKENDEN LEADS FIELD AT BLACKPOOL.

London, Yesterday.

Ockenden with a score of 68, broke the record for the Blackpool course. By two strokes he led the field at the end of the first 18 of the 72 holes stroke play for the Northern Professional Championship. Charles Whitcombe and P. Rodgers of St. Anne's each returned 69; Compton and Ray, 74; Duncan and Havers, 76; and the Americans Melhorn and Nabholz 76 and 78 respectively.—Reuter.

POLO CHALLENGE.

WESTCHESTER CUP MATCHES.

The Army in India polo team, which is representing Hurlingham in the challenge matches for the Westchester Cup in America this year, sailed from London on July 30. Captain C. T. I. Roark has not gone over with the other members of the side, but will leave towards the end of this month.

The team to play in America will be chosen from Captain R. George (Central India Horse), Major A. H. Williams (Central India Horse), Major E. G. Atkinson (15th Lancers), Captain J. P. Denning (P.A.V.O. Cavalry), Captain C. T. I. Roark (late Poona Horse), Captain C. E. Pert (15th Lancers), and Mr. H. P. Guinness (Royal Scots Greys). Lieutenant (Colonel's Horse) is Secretary of the selection Committee and is in charge of the ponies, and Colonel H. A. Tomkinson accompanies the team as manager.

Nearly sixty ponies will be at the disposal of the team, as apart from the party that came from India—including sixteen of the best animals from the Maharajah of Jodhpur's stables—others have been lent by Captain the Hon. F. E. Guest, and the Maharajah of Rutlam. The ponies left England in charge of Colonel Beresford and Captain Denning on June 18, and so should have plenty of time to become acclimatised before the matches in September. The side will undoubtedly be well-mounted, but will not have any advantage in this respect over the Americans, whose ponies have been in hard work since the early months of the year, and have not had to make a trip round the world—an all too obvious advantage.

American Team.

The formation of the American team at the present time, is naturally problematical. Mr. J. W. Webb is an obvious selection for the No. 1 position, and Mr. Devereux Milburn, who has been captain of all the American sides since 1909, will most probably occupy once again the position of back. Mr. T. Hitchcock, junior, has sound claims to be selected to play at No. 2 and Mr. Malcolm Stevenson will probably be the pivot of the side. The last-named is a very fine defensive player. Other American players with claims to places in the team are Mr. E. Pedley, a very good forward, Mr. R. E. Strawbridge, who played in the second of the International matches in 1924, and Mr. C. Cowdin, who has a very sound knowledge of the game.

This year's International matches will be played at Meadow Brook Club, Long Island, on September 5 and 10. A third match, if necessary, will be played on September 14.

which is a very difficult stroke and one which only a few players can execute successfully. Even the genius Suzanne had not a dependable drop shot.

More Work to Do.

Nowadays, to be a successful mixed or ladies' double player one has to keep very fit. It is very tiring running up to the net on the serve, running back for a shot, and always having to stop and start quickly.

Formerly, the mixed doubles formation consisted of the two men at the net and the two women on the ball line. Except when the woman received the man's service she would generally only have a ball line once with her woman opponent and so did not have to deal much with the man's quickest strokes.

Nowadays, the modern mixed formation is both up. The girls, therefore, has to join in volleying balls with two men who always, for some reason or other, are a little bit quicker than women, and to keep her end up she has to be able to volley and hit the ball as quickly as her male opponent. From personal observation, I think a girl wins quite as many volleying balls against a man as he does against her.

There is, however, still one item in the woman's game which remains to be improved—the speed on which a shot travels after leaving the racket.

MORO PROBLEM.

WILL TAKE YEARS TO SOLVE.

Zamboanga, August 4.

In an exclusive interview with the National News Service, Congressman Gilbert, who is touring the southern islands gave out the following statement:—"The greatest problem confronting the Philippines at present is the problem of the relations between Mohammedans and Christian Filipinos. I believe that this problem will not be satisfactorily settled for many years to come."

The congressman refused to make any suggestions as to the solution of the problem, saying that in order to do so he would have to make a thorough study of existing conditions, all over the Philippines. He also said that the amendment to our land laws should be made on the basis of the preservation of Philippine resources without overlooking the fact that enough inducement should be given to foreign capital. He said he was anxious to see Filipinos organise small corporations for the exploitation of the rubber, hemp and copra industries. He said that he agreed with Dr. Strong of the American Rubber Plantation at Basilan, that the present laws governing public lands in the Philippines are liberal enough now to offer inducement to foreign capital.

Congressman Gilbert reiterated his scathing statement against the military cabinet of Governor Wood, saying that military men can never expect to be good advisers in a civil government. He also criticised Admiral Kittelle for his "continuous butting in on questions in which he is not concerned." He believes that the naval forces of the United States here are more than enough for the protection of the islands and he prefers to see these forces reduced. "The increase in naval forces in this part of the Orient," he said, "only helps to awaken the suspicion of neighbouring countries."

Congressman Gilbert is opposed to the plan of sending missions to the United States for the purpose of working for the inclusion of a Philippine independence plank in the Democratic platform in the coming presidential elections. "The granting of independence to the Philippines," he said, "depends on a congressional victory of the Democratic party."

He expressed grave doubts, however, regarding the probability of a Democratic congressional victory. Speaking of the coming presidential race in the United States, Mr. Gilbert said that the future Democratic candidate for president will in all probability be a dark horse inasmuch as Democrats realise that Governor Al Smith of New York, if nominated, would not get the solid vote of the South because of his stand on the prohibition question, and most southern states voted for prohibition and will not change their stand. He believes, however, that the next President of the United States will be a Democrat because of the people's traditional stand against a third term and because the Western states are indifferent towards the Republican party on account of the high tariff which does not give the farmers any comparative benefit.

THE EXACTIONS OF MOTHERHOOD.

Look about you and observe the number of women for whom maternity has meant the loss, and in some instances the sacrifice, of health. Nature provided that this should be a simple process, attended by no disastrous aftermath. Human societies developed differently; and the heritage of centuries of artificial modes of living has made many women dread that which they should anticipate with joy.

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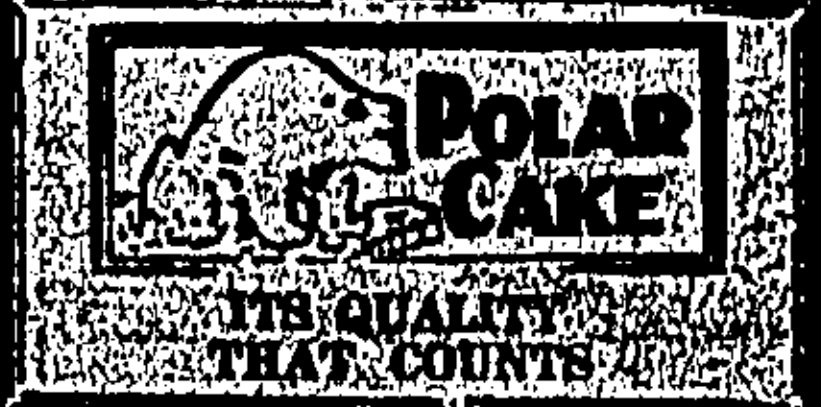
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THE WORLD OF BOOKS

IN 1827.

A CENTURY OF
REVOLUTION.

Professor Sir Arthur Keith (Conservator of the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons, England; F.R.S., D.S.C.; President-Elect of the British Association) writes in the "Evening Standard":—In a diary or "remembrancer" kept by my predecessor a century ago there are, set down not only occurrences connected with his office, but also events of public interest. Under the date of Monday, May 21, 1827, no mention is made of a momentous discovery by young Professor Baer, of the University of Konigsberg. For it was in 1827 that Baer found what generations of anatomists had sought for in vain—the human ovum, that microscopic speck of protoplasm which is the starting-point of every human life.

What was a marvel among the learned pundits of 1827 is an everyday sight in our modern laboratories. The drama which transforms the fertilised ovum into the ripe child was almost unknown in 1827; every "act" and almost every "scene" is known to-day. For the anthropologist it has been a century of extraordinary progress.

The "Evening Standard" need not feel plagued because my Poyasian predecessor, William Clift, omitted to chronicle its birth, for he makes no mention of the fact that a baby in Essex had just been christened Joseph Lister; that Huxley, a schoolmaster at Ealing, had a son, Tom, who had just celebrated his second birthday; that Dr. Darwin, of Shrewsbury, had an idle son at Edinburgh University, named Charles; nor that a young barrister named Lyell was carrying with him, while on circuit, a book written by a Frenchman named Lamarck, who entertained the wild notion that living things had been created by "natural means," and that man might be only a transmuted ape. In 1827, although no one was aware of it, the Evolutionary storm was brewing.

No one knew better than my predecessor how dangerous it was to entertain certain mild notions then rife in France. He had heard Abernethy, the president of our College, publicly accuse William Lawrence, surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, of "propagating opinions detrimental to society" and "loosening the restraints on which the welfare of mankind depends," because in his lectures at College Lawrence (afterwards Sir William Lawrence) had had the temerity to declare that "the Mosaic record was incompatible with the phenomena of zoology."

Lawrence published his lectures on "The Nature of Man" as a book, but a decision given by Lord Eldon in 1828 withdrew all rights from the author because the book contained "writings which contradicted Scriptures." This book, as Huxley said of it in 1894, "might now be read in a Sunday school without surprising any one." No instance could better illustrate the change which has overtaken public and legal opinion since 1827. We have become more tolerant—more inclined to be led by evidence rather than by tradition.

In my predecessor's diary for 1827 is preserved a letter which marks the very first step in a movement which has led us back almost to the very dawn of man's origin. It is written by the Director of the Geological Survey to introduce "the Rev. F. McEnery, of Torquay, who has devoted much time and attention to the investigation of the bones in Kent's Hole, Torquay."

Mr. McEnery was then Catholic priest at Tor Abbey; deep in the floor of Kent's Cavern he had found stone weapons fashioned by man lying side by side with fossil bones of extinct animals, and drew the revolutionary inference that man and they had been contemporaries. Dean Buckland, who was final arbiter in such questions in 1827, took-poohed the priest's discovery because it was then a revealed and accepted truth that animals of extinct types had lived before the Flood, while man did not reach England until long after.

Thirty years had to elapse, and evidence had to be gathered from scores of caves, before scientific men were convinced that the Catholic priest was right. By means of his fossil remains we have now traced man backwards through a whole geological epoch, thus proving that, instead of his history being confined to a space of six thousand years, it must cover a period which is a hundred times that amount. And so unlike are these early fossil man to all existing forms of humanity, so primitive are they, that we give to them the name of "Man" with diffidence.

In 1827 intelligent people regarded the evolutionary theory of man's origin as a repulsive jest, but in 1859, when Darwin began to unload his argosies of evidence on the intellectual market of his time, the public was forced to realise that the day for jest was past. And so it has come about, at the present day that there is not a serious anthropologist who is not a follower of Darwin. The anthropologist, like every other man, is a snob at heart, and would rather believe himself to be a fallen angel, but that the facts are too strong for him. Nor is this change of conception likely to do men harm, for they will, under its guidance, the more readily detect and eliminate all traces of a "Jungle inheritance" from their impulses, behaviour, thoughts, and deeds.

What of Man's future? If we have risen from a state of apedom, how much higher may we rise? In making a forecast the weather expert is beset with a myriad of contingencies, but his difficulties are as nothing compared with those which envisage the anthropologist who dares to assume the role of prophet. Like the weather expert, the anthropologist, if he is wise, confines his forecast to the immediate present.

Our lives become more and more artificial, and on every side we hear men and women declare that rushing to work in tubes, being jostled in lifts and trams, being confined to offices and workshops, and to spend nights in cinemas and theatres, is not the kind of life for which Nature intended them. What, then, are the natural conditions of man's life?

The discoveries of the last fifty years help us to answer this question. Examination of the prehistoric sides of Britain have shown that our predecessors, down to the middle of the third millennium B.C., wandered in scattered bands and lived on the natural produce of land and shore. Excavations have shown that at 4,000 B.C. the people of Egypt and of Mesopotamia were already leading highly artificial lives: they were tilling fields; keeping herds, and building towns.

It is probable that it is ten thousand years since this artificial life began, somewhere in the East. Before then men lived on what they could "grub" from the earth and what they could catch as hunters. And the further back we go in time the worse we find man equipped as "grubber" and as hunter.

The truth is that as soon as man's brain began to enlarge, and he escaped from that state in which the ape is still confined, he abandoned the "life of nature," and began to live under "man-made" or artificial conditions, and these conditions have gone on becoming more and more artificial ever since. Man is the most domesticated and most adaptable of all animals; we see no signs which indicate that his powers of response are being exhausted. There is no return to a state of Nature possible for man unless he is prepared to dispense with all those parts of his brain which make him a rational being.

Why should we seek to return, when the poorest pauper in England is better fed, better clothed, better housed, than was the richest man in England five thousand years ago? Every step back means less of everything for every one.

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LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

On June 16 Mr. Murray will publish a new volume of Sherlock Holmes stories by A. Conan Doyle entitled *The Case-Book of Sherlock Holmes*. This volume completes the amazing career of the great Sherlock and thus brings to an end the tales of the exploits and adventures of the most famous detective in fiction.

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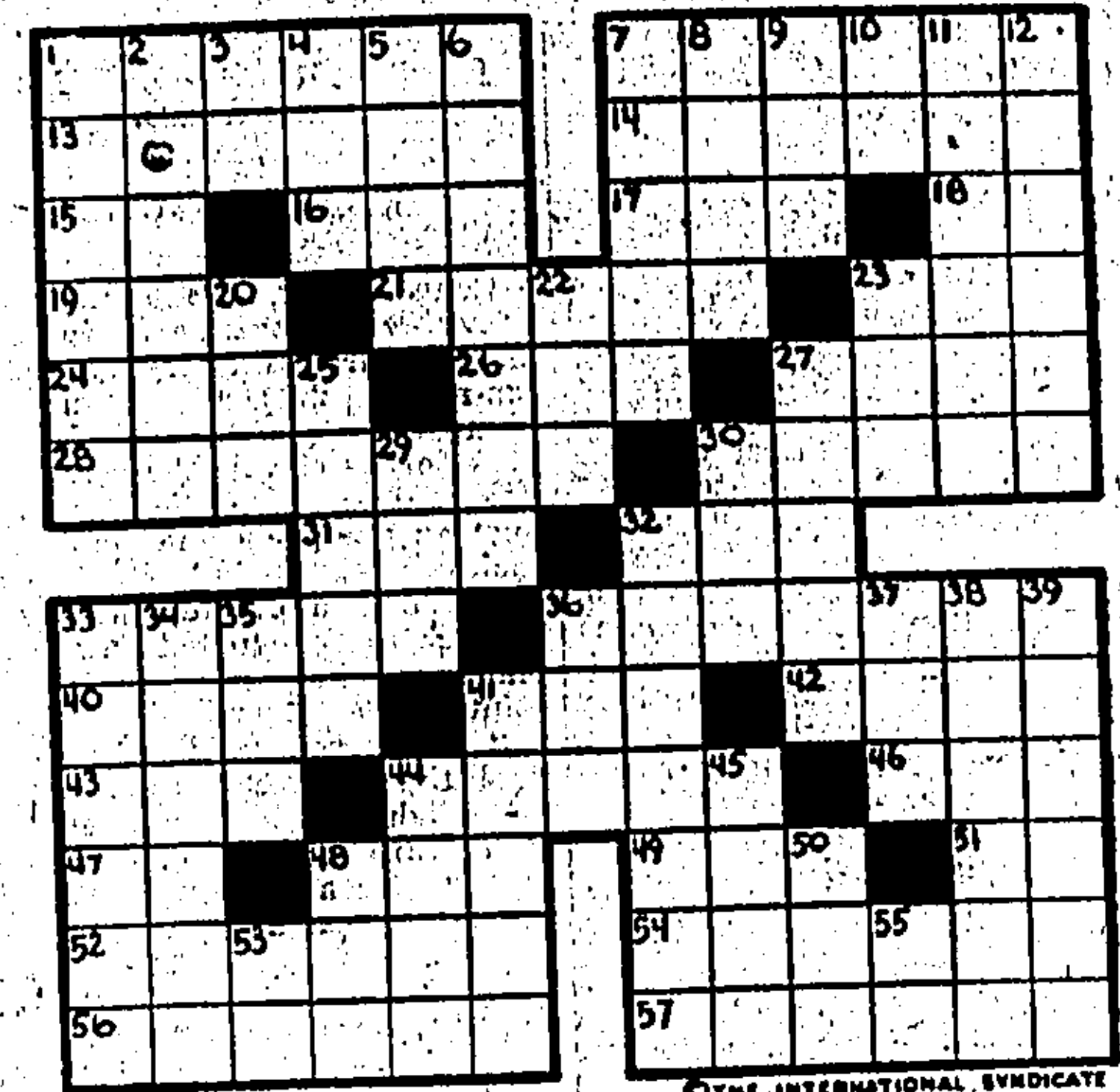
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Reconmit
- 7-Ignored
- 10-Rubber
- 14-Girl's name
- 15-Exist
- 16-Ocean
- 17-Being
- 18-Member of Parliament (abbr.)
- 19-Farten
- 21-Eats
- 23-A small plebe
- 24-Man's name
- 26-Novel
- 27-The two
- 29-Argued
- 30-Follies
- 31-Nourished
- 32-A leisure
- 37-Checked
- 38-Gear
- 40-Employer
- 41-Prohibit
- 42-Retained

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 43-Mineral spring
- 44-Tricks
- 46-Prevaricate
- 47-Musical note
- 48-Make public
- 49-Formerly (French)
- 51-Complex point (abbr.)
- 52-Burst forth
- 54-Covered with a sticky liquid
- 56-Do again
- 57-Strain

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 11-Bad feeling
- 12-Deep places
- 20-Head
- 22-Man's name (short)
- 23-Repile
- 25-More secure
- 27-Express/cnics
- 28-Spread to dry
- 33-By
- 34-Me and Pa
- 35-Cloth for cleaning
- 36-Alm
- 38-Beverage
- 39-Permeate
- 40-A fish
- 42-Thrive
- 43-Open veins
- 44-Erupted
- 45-Nir's name
- 46-Bench
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- 50-Sin
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- 55-Musical note

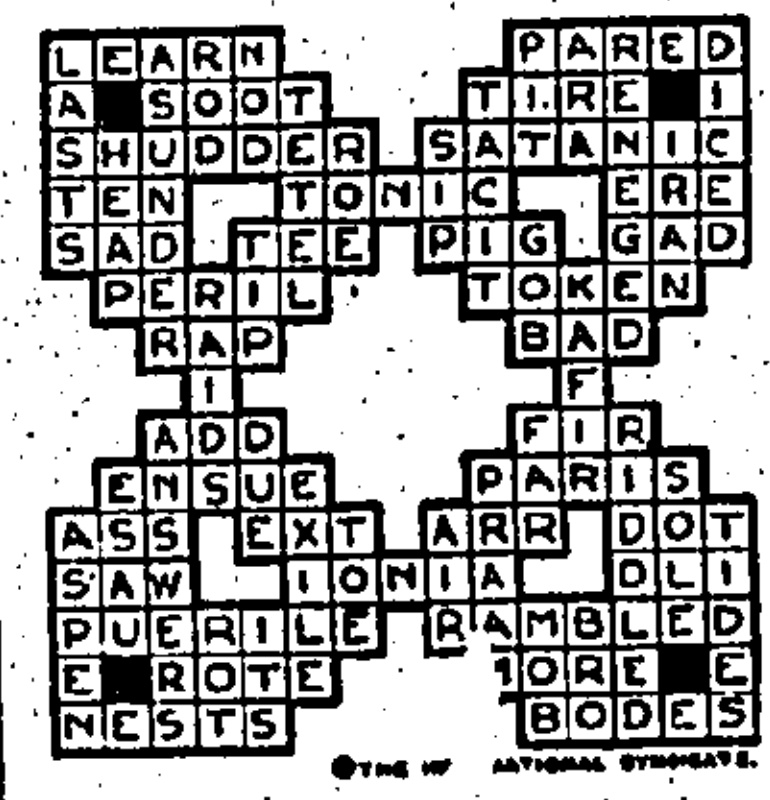
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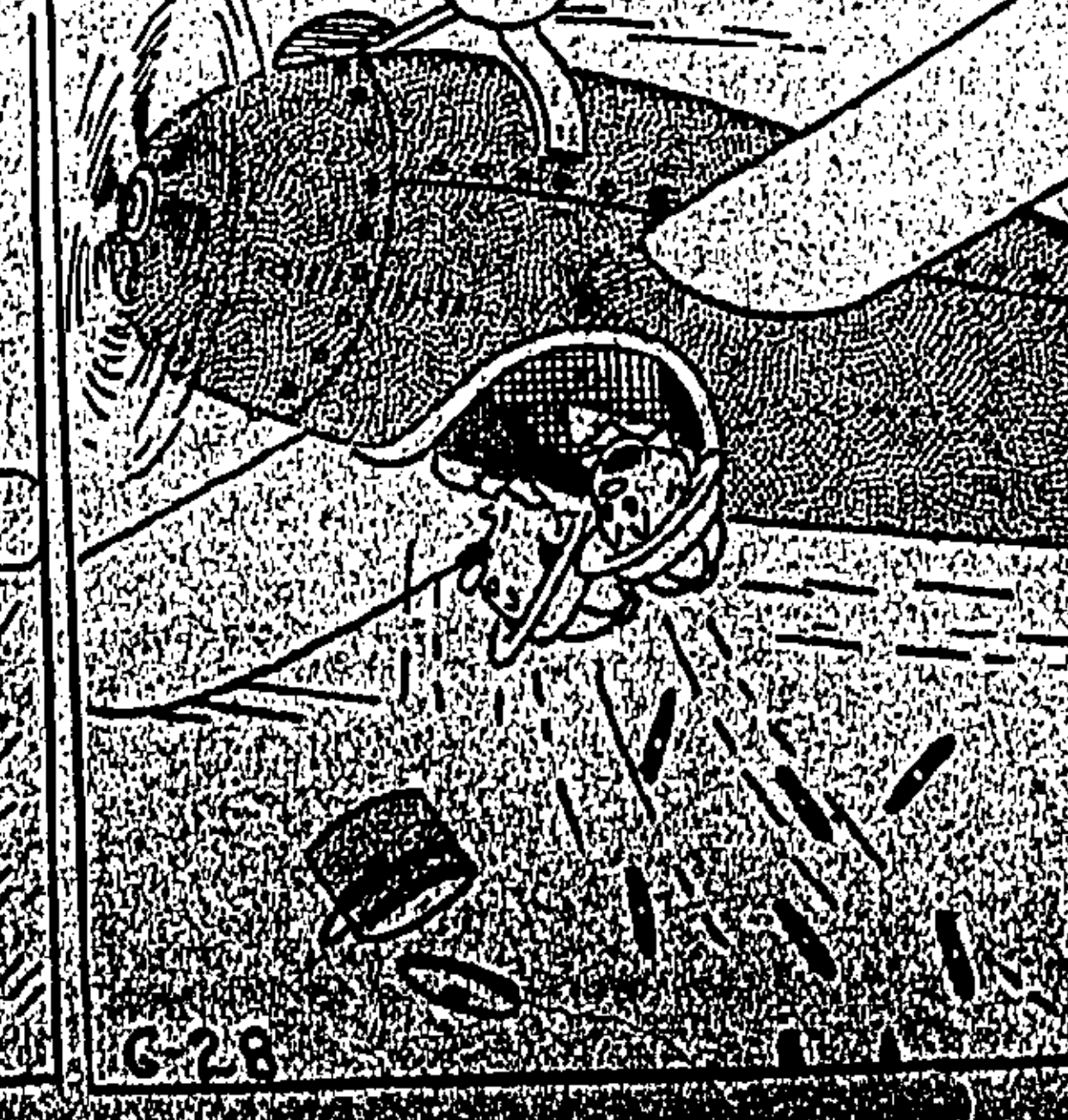
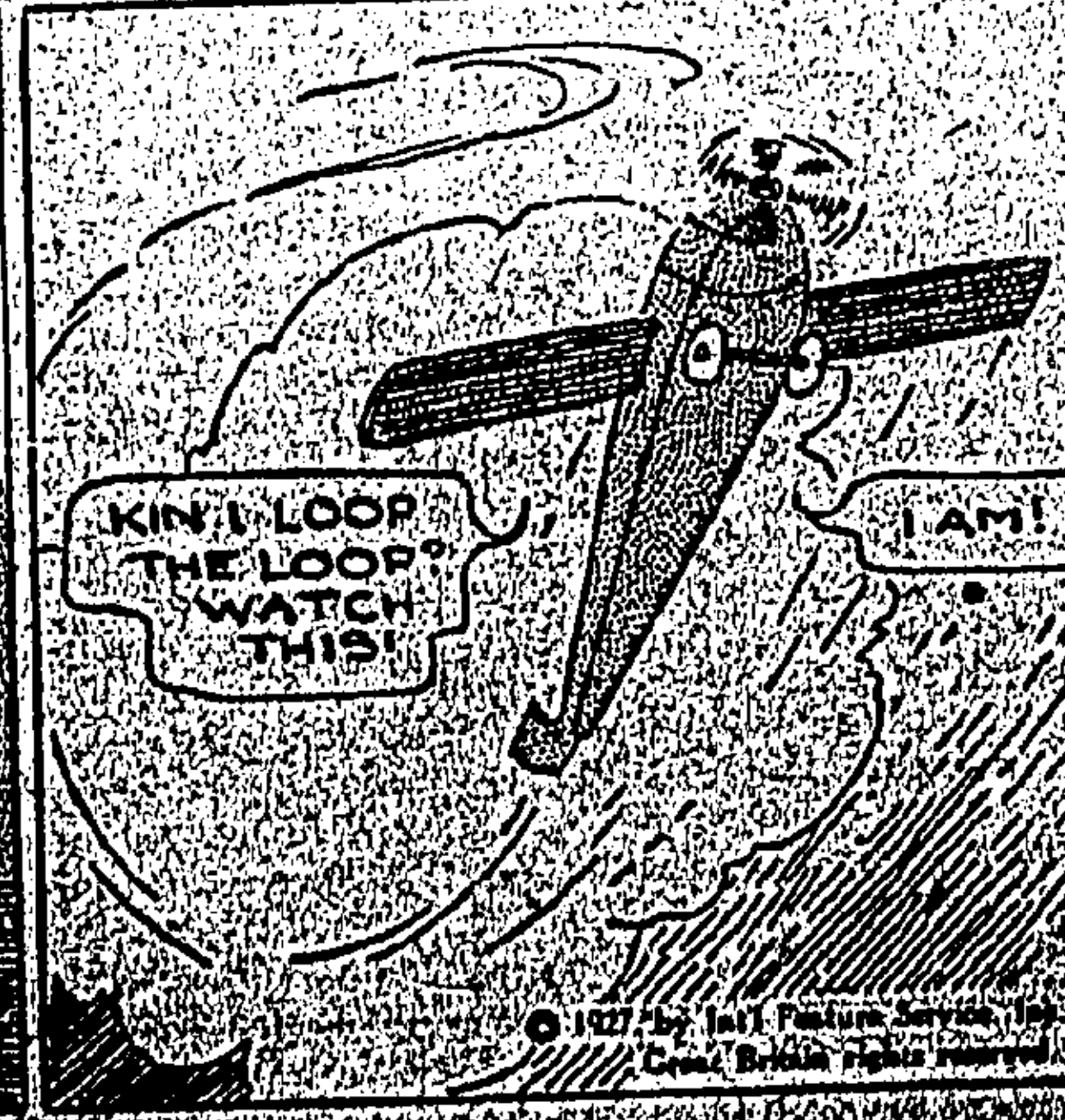
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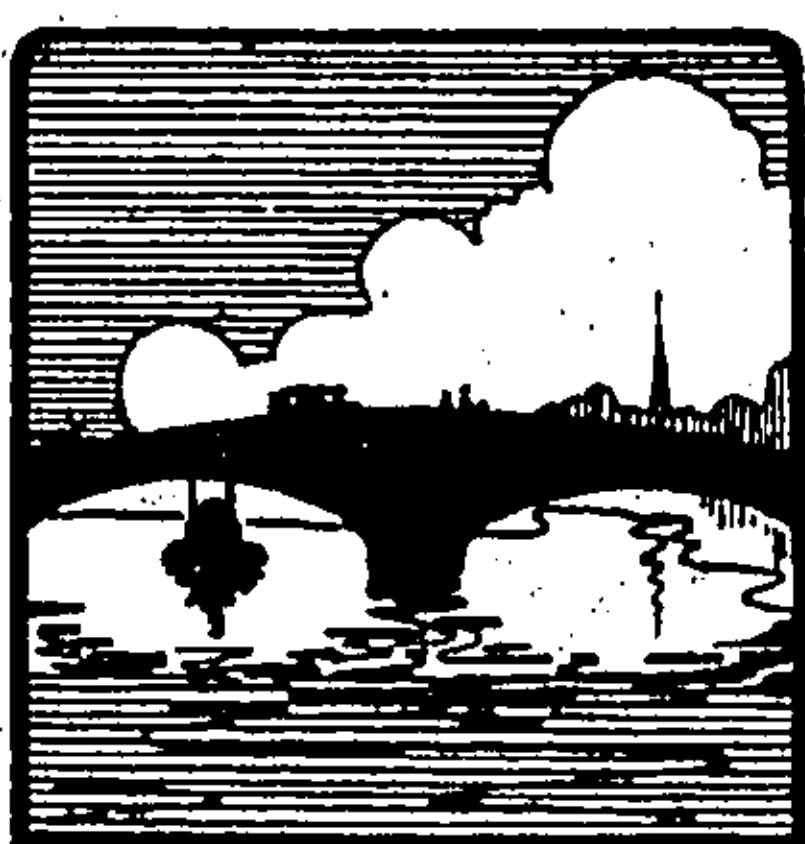
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Warships Stopped.

The Japanese Admiralty have stopped, according to Tokyo reports, the building of 6 battleships on account of material shortage.

Scrapped under the provisions of the Washington Agreement, the battleship "Centurion" has been dismantled and converted into a target ship for the Atlantic Fleet.

Messrs. R. Lehan, Mackenzie, and Shand, Holmbridge, Huddersfield, have obtained a contract for £781,225 from the Halifax Corporation for reservoirs.

Captain J. H. Reed was appointed by the Bristol Channel Ship-owners' Association to represent them upon the Chamber of Shipping Committee of Inquiry into seasonal load line marks.

Wireless Record.

A distance of 7,000 miles between London and Cape Town was traversed in one twenty-fourth of a second on July 2 when the Anglo-South African beam wireless was inaugurated.

A team of 'Varsity athletes representing Yale and Harvard Universities arrived at Liverpool from Canada in the "Doric" on July 2. They have come over to compete in the International University Sports at Stamford Bridge.

A Beethoven monument was unveiled at Vincennes Park, Berlin, on July 25, by the Minister for Instruction, M. Herriot. The German Charge d'Affaires attended the ceremony.

Australian Flight.

A citizens' committee in San Francisco is considering the extension to Australia of the proposed San Francisco-Honolulu flight, for which a purse of £10,000 is being raised. Half the purse has already been subscribed.

It is recorded of Mrs. William Reid, daughter of a sea captain and wife of Alderman Reid, of Belfast, who died on June 29, that she sailed round the world seventeen times, covering 1,100,000 miles, in wind jammers and that she knew every port in the Pacific.

The "Baltic" from New York arrived at Liverpool on July 2 with 1,000 passengers, mainly holiday-makers. Amongst the cabin passengers were Sir Richard Sykes, Mr. J. Perston Doughton, U.S. Consul at London, and Mr. Amory Houghton, son of the U.S. Ambassador.

According to a message from Budapest, it is understood that the Pester Kommercial Bank has been negotiating the creation of a new steamship company, in which Messrs. A. Mitchell and Poinaur, of Alexandria are interested. The new company is to operate in the Adriatic.

The Rome correspondent of the "Daily Mail" states that Signor Mussolini has declared war on Italy's faked nobility, and has appointed a special heraldic commission to draw up a list of individuals who rightfully possess titles, the improper use of which will be punishable as an offence.



While building a spur track for a bridge over the Hackensack River near Kearny, N. J., quicksand was encountered. Necessary precautions were taken, but the first engine over the spur put so much weight on the track that it twisted, throwing the engine into the sand. The crew escaped by jumping, but the engine sank nearly out of sight.

The Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police, Peking, is still persisting in his intention of resigning but Marshal Chang Tso-lin has sent a message urging him to remain in office and commending his valuable services.

Bids For Ships.

For the first time since the sales of scrapped ships to Mr. Henry Ford, in 1925, the United States Shipping Board Merchant Fleet Corporation is understood to be considering inviting bids on its laid-up fleet. The Fleet Corporation has 129 ships, ranging from 7,500 to 10,000 tons. These ships are scattered throughout the laid-up fleet.

Thirty-one nations were represented at Birkenhead's jubilee luncheon, on June 30, to members of the Liverpool Consular Corps. The Major (Mr. J. H. Glegg), in proposing the principal toast, mentioned that the first iron which ever sailed on the seas was launched at Birkenhead. Mr. Leo J. Kenna, Consul for U.S.A., said the Consular Corps regarded Birkenhead as a partner with Liverpool in the ceaseless struggle for greater progress.

The Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Prime Minister of the Province of Alberta, reached Liverpool on July 2 in the Doris. Mr. Brownlee said he had come over primarily to meet Mr. Greenfield, the agent for Alberta, and is on a mission of inquiry into questions of trade and emigration. He is accompanied by Mr. A. J. McPhail, the president of the Canadian wheat pool, and as Alberta exports 70 to 100 million bushels per annum, the Premier's investigations will include close inquiries into the grain business on this side.

Janitor To Treasurer.

First a janitor, then a clerk, and then a bank-teller, Edward Kelly, at 45 now finds himself treasurer of the Iron Bound Trust Company, formed as a result of a bank merger, and now the largest financial institution in New Jersey, with assets worth \$25,000,000.

Commencing on July 1 the Tyne Improvement Commission has made the following reductions in river dues:—Oil fuel, 4d per ton, a reduction of 2d; syrup, 5d a ton, a reduction of 5d; glucose, 5d per ton, a reduction of 5d; canned fruit, 1s 3d a ton, a reduction of 5d; and raw tobacco, 10d per ton, a reduction of 10d.

Mr. Ernest E. Smethurst, chief railway clerk at Darling Harbour railway yards, N.S.W., was the guest at a smoke concert on the occasion of his retirement after 40 years' service in the Railway Department. Mr. Smethurst commenced as a porter at West Maitland, and was chief delivery clerk at Darling Harbour for 20 years.

Revolt Predicted.

Reports from Moscow say that Bucharin, speaking at a big army parade, prophesied that the Austrian revolt will be followed by similar uprisings all over Europe. After Bucharin's address War Commissar Voroshilov reviewed 100,000 Red Army troops and women battalions. Twenty tanks and many aeroplanes participated in the show.

The following passengers travelled to South Africa by the Union-Castle R.M.M.V. "Carnarvon Castle," which left Southampton on July 1. His Excellency Sir Edward Grigg, K.C.V.O., C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C., Lady Grigg, Major Dutton, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Glynn and family, Mr. C. W. Francis Harrison, Mr. H. S. Henderson, V.C., Hon. Mr. Justice B. A. Tindall, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Weight.

The retirement is intimated after almost 38 years' service of Mr. George A. Hunter, the secretary of the National Bank of Scotland. Mr. Hunter joined the Bank's service as chief of the law department in 1889, and in 1909 he was promoted to the assistant secretaryship. Mr. George B. Hart being then secretary. On Mr. Hart's retirement in 1915, Mr. Hunter became secretary, a position which he filled with much acceptance to the directors, branch agents, and the Bank's customers at the head office. To succeed Mr. Hunter the directors have appointed Mr. Frederick George Dryburgh who is at present the Bank's superintendent of branches. To fill Mr. Dryburgh's place, Mr. Alexander Norman M'Leod has been appointed. Mr. M'Leod attained the position of chief inspector in 1919.

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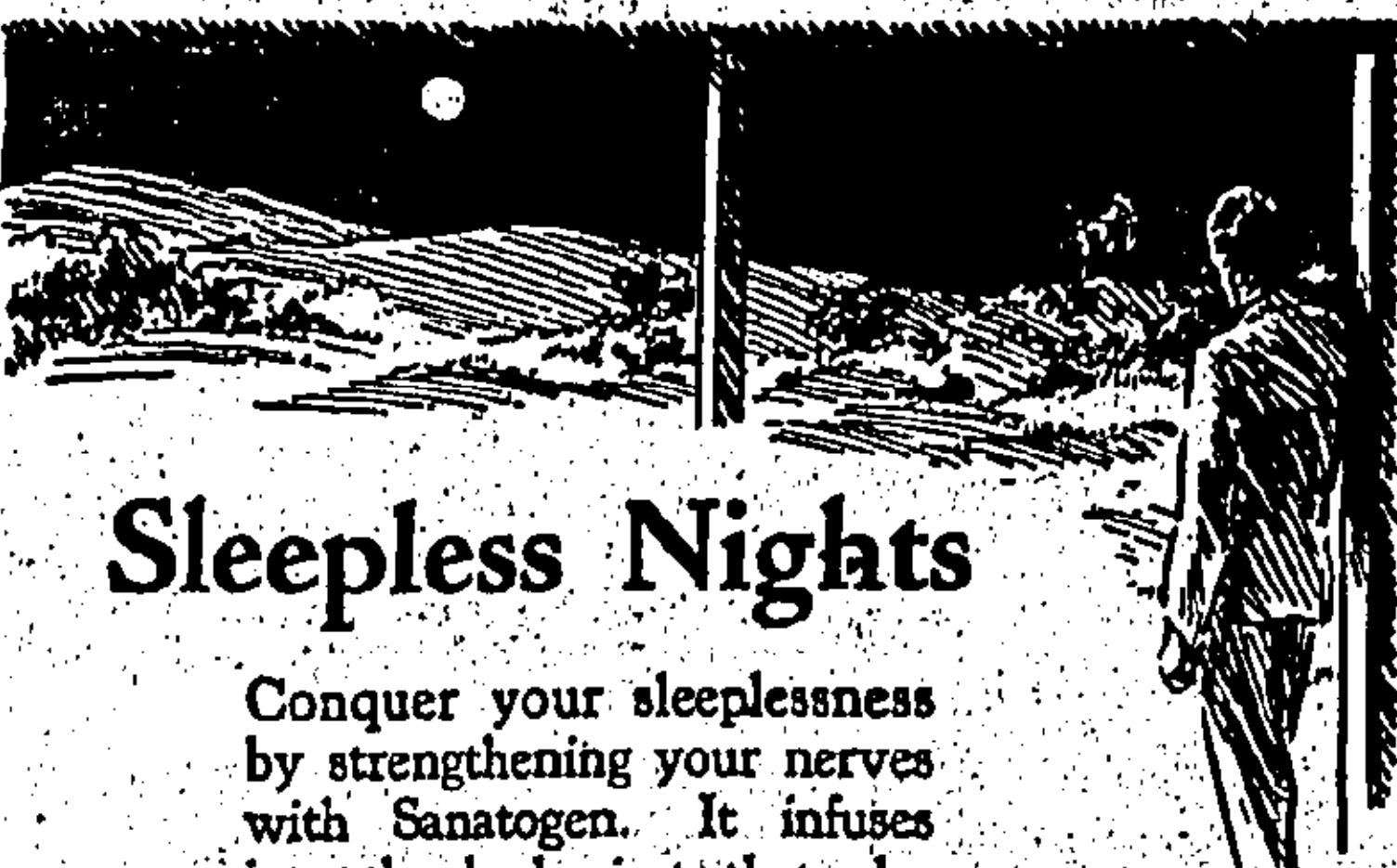
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Amoy	13	Santhia.
Japan, Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	14	Kitano Maru.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	14	Tenyo Maru.
Manila	15	President Jackson.
Japan	15	Ginyo Maru.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	15	President Adams.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	15	President Taft.
Europe via Negapatam Letters & papers	15	Adolf von Bayer.
London 14th July	15	Adolf von Bayer.
Japan & Shanghai	15	Amazona.
Australia & Manila	15	Tango Maru.
Shanghai	15	Kawalpindi.

OUTWARD MAILS.

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Strait, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marcellus—due Marcellus, 12th Sept.	4.30 p.m.	Machaon
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Haiphong	5 p.m.	New Marilla
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Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America & Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 5th Sept.	11 a.m.	Taiyo Maru.
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PACIFIC FLIGHT.

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Many Candidates For Big Air Prize.

Dallas (Texas), Yesterday. Captain Erwin has started for San Francisco on the first lap of his attempted flight to Hong Kong, competing for the \$35,000 prize offered by Mr. Dole, pine apple merchant, and \$25,000 offered by Mr. W. E. Easterwood.

If he reaches Hong Kong, he intends to continue his word flight. Erwin originally intended to take his bride, aged 20, but Mr. Dole stipulated that nobody could participate under 21.

Other Competitors.

San Francisco, Aug. 1. The seventh, eighth and ninth candidates for the Dole Prize filed applications to-day and announced their intention of starting flights to Honolulu on August 12.

Captain William Erwin of Dallas Texas is number 7. He has already entered his name and deposited a bond under the conditions of the Easterwood Prize. The latter provided an award of \$25,000 for the first flier to go from Dallas to Hong Kong.

Arthur Rogers of Los Angeles is the eighth and Jack Frost, also of Los Angeles, is the ninth. The last two have not decided definitely on the types of plane they will fly.

In the case of Captain Erwin, he is required by the conditions of the Easterwood Prize to use an American plane equipped with an American motor. Flies will be permitted to change motor but not planes, at any one of the designated landing places. Honolulu, Guam or Manila, and Hong Kong are the only authorized stops.

Each flier must have printed in large letters subject to the approval of William Easterwood junior, upon the fuselage of his plane the words "Easterwood, Dallas, Texas, to Hong Kong China flight."

Fliers may carry one or more persons who must sign waivers as to damage or death. The prize stands until September 15, 1928 but not more than 144 hours shall elapse from the time the plane takes off in Dallas until it arrives in Hong Kong. Captain Erwin and other entrants must make their own arrangements for repairs and refueling at the authorized landing and are to receive no financial aid from Easterwood.

Encouragement.

More than \$100,000 has been deposited in Pacific coast and western banks to encourage airplane flights across the Pacific ocean but no single flier can possibly obtain more than a third of it under present conditions unless he can at least make a round trip to Hawaii.

While the entire Pacific coast eagerly awaits the first start for one of the prizes, it has been pointed out that not one of the purses will more than pay the actual expenses of an attempt.

Hazards are not to be paid for in money and whoever brings down the money will do so in a pure sporting endeavor. Rigid conditions govern each of the contests and some of the purses have been offered for flights that three months ago would have been considered impossible.

Following are the prizes already offered and backed by each in banks.

James Dole, Hawaiian pineapple magnate has offered \$25,000 to the first aviator making a non-stop flight to Honolulu and \$10,000 for the second flier who succeeds.

Seattle businessmen have deposited \$25,000 for the first non-stop flight to Tokyo.

Sydney Grauman, theatre owner, Los Angeles, has deposited \$30,000 for a non-stop flight to Tokyo.

W. E. Easterwood, Dallas, Texas has deposited \$25,000 for a non-stop flight from that city to Hong Kong.

San Francisco organizations have raised \$15,000 and more is expected for a non-stop flight between San Francisco and Hawaii. A flight from the islands to the mainland is preferred but details have not been arranged nor rule made.

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Colonial Office Mission To The Island.

London, July 25. In the House of Commons, the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore, announced that the Special Commissioner for Ceylon would consist of the Earl of Donoughmore (Chairman), Sir Matthew Nathan, Sir Geoffrey Butler, M.P., and Doctor Drummond Shiels, M.P.—Reuter.

[Lt.-Col. Sir Matthew Nathan, P.C. (Ire.), G.C.M.G., K.C.M.G., C.M.G., LL.D. (Queensland University), has been Chairman of the Colonial Secretary's Advisory Committee on Rubber since 1926.

He was Governor of Queensland, 1920-26, and prior to that administered the Government of Sierra Leone, 1899; was Governor of the Gold Coast, 1900-08; Governor of Hong Kong, 1908-1907; Governor of Natal, 1907-09; Secretary to the Post Office, 1909-11; Chairman of the Board of Indian Revenue and Member of the Pacific Cable Board, 1911-14; Under Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, 1914-16; Secretary to the Ministry of Pensions, 1916-19; and Chairman of the Special Grants Committee, 1919.]

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NEW CONTRACT REJECTED.

Petrol Specialist Spends Five Years At Teheran.

Teheran, July 26. The five-year contract of Dr. Arthur C. Millsbaugh, Administrator-General of the Finances of Persia, having terminated, Government have proposed a further term of three years, but owing to some new clauses which were unacceptable to him, Dr. Millsbaugh has rejected the offer. It is likely that he will leave the country shortly.

The Majlis are discussing the question of appointing a successor, who will probably be Mr. McCasky, Treasurer-General, whose contract, however, expires in the middle of September.—Reuter.

[Dr. Arthur Chester Millsbaugh, of the Consular Service of the United States of America, has been Administrator-General of the Finances of Persia, since 1922. He was Professor of Political Science in the Whitman College, 1916-17, and after serving in the Drafting Office of the State Department, Washington, 1918-21, was appointed Consul Class 4, and assigned to the State Department in July 1, 1921. He was Acting Foreign Trade Adviser, 1921-22. Petroleum Specialist in the State Department, 1920-22, and was subsequently commissioned to reorganise the finances of Persia.]

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TROTSKY SMACKED.

COMMUNIST PARTY MEETING.

Moscow, Yesterday. According to an official agency, the twelve days' plenary session of Central Control Committee of the Communist Party has ended with the restoration of unity, following a declaration by the leaders of the Opposition renouncing a number of their views.

The meeting resolved to withdraw the question of the expulsion of Trotsky and Zinovieff, but reprimanded and warned them.

Comrade Bukharin reported that the danger of a counter-revolutionary war against Soviet Russia was the most acute problem to-day. A resolution was adopted declaring that the international policy of the Soviets was essentially a policy of peace; therefore the Soviet Government must agree economically to reasonable connection with capitalist countries. It was stated that Soviet workers warmly responded to an appeal to prepare to the utmost for the defence of the country.

A resolution on the internal situation of the party, previously cabled, stated that differences were due to the recent intensified opposition and attacks frustrating the work of the party.

Dealing with the menace of war and the preparing of a national defence, the opposition leaders, Trotsky and Zinovieff, refused to renounce their semi-defeatist policy, to abandon attempts to create a second party as a condition to their remaining on the central committee and only yielded when threatened with expulsion.—Reuter.

KING OF CAMBODIA DEAD.

Paris, Yesterday. The Indo-Pacific Agency announces the death of King Sisowath of Cambodia.—Reuter.

CORNISH EXPRESS.

SMALL ACCIDENT; NO CASUALTIES.

London, Yesterday. An accident occurred to-day to the Cornish Riviera express which daily makes the journey from London to Plymouth. It was on the 40th mile from London, when the leading train of four engines, bogie coaches and four passenger coaches, was derailed by a broken rail. The engine and four coaches were derailed, but no one was injured. The train was stopped for some time, but was then repaired and continued its journey.

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